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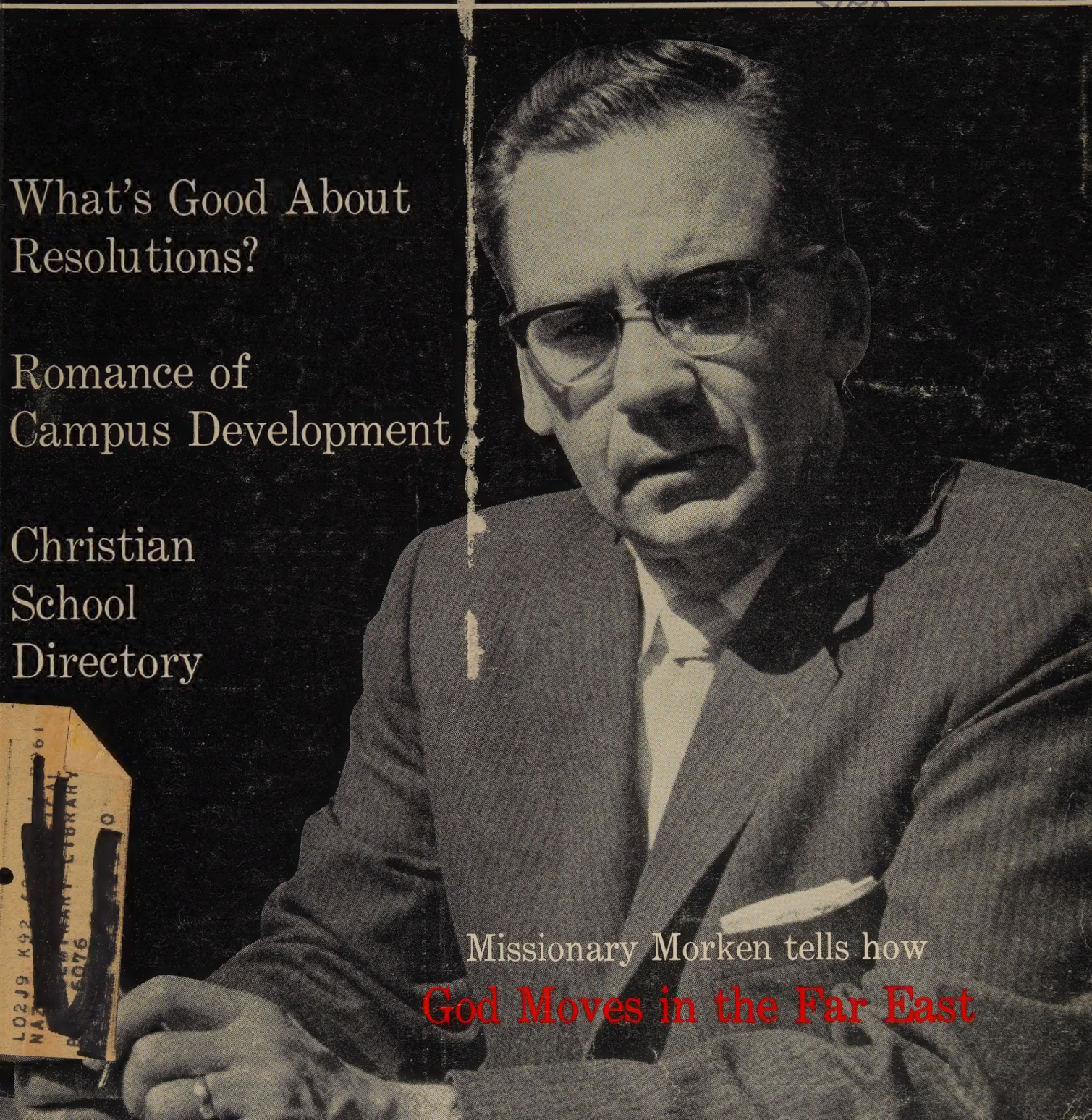

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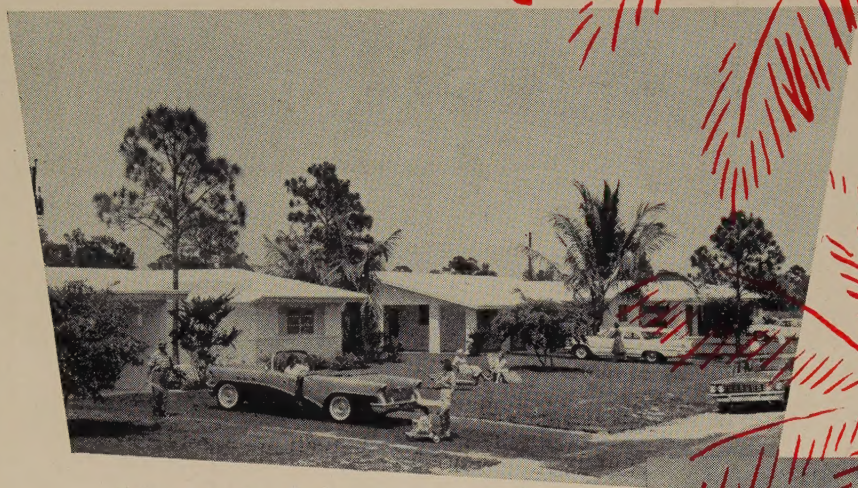

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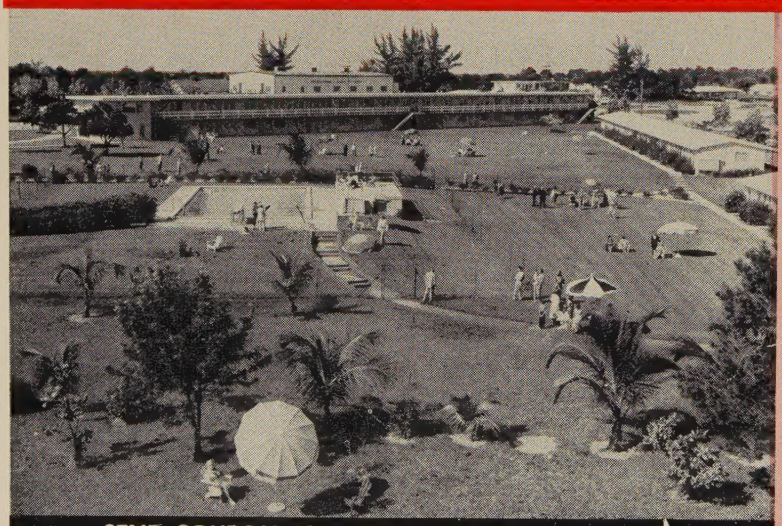

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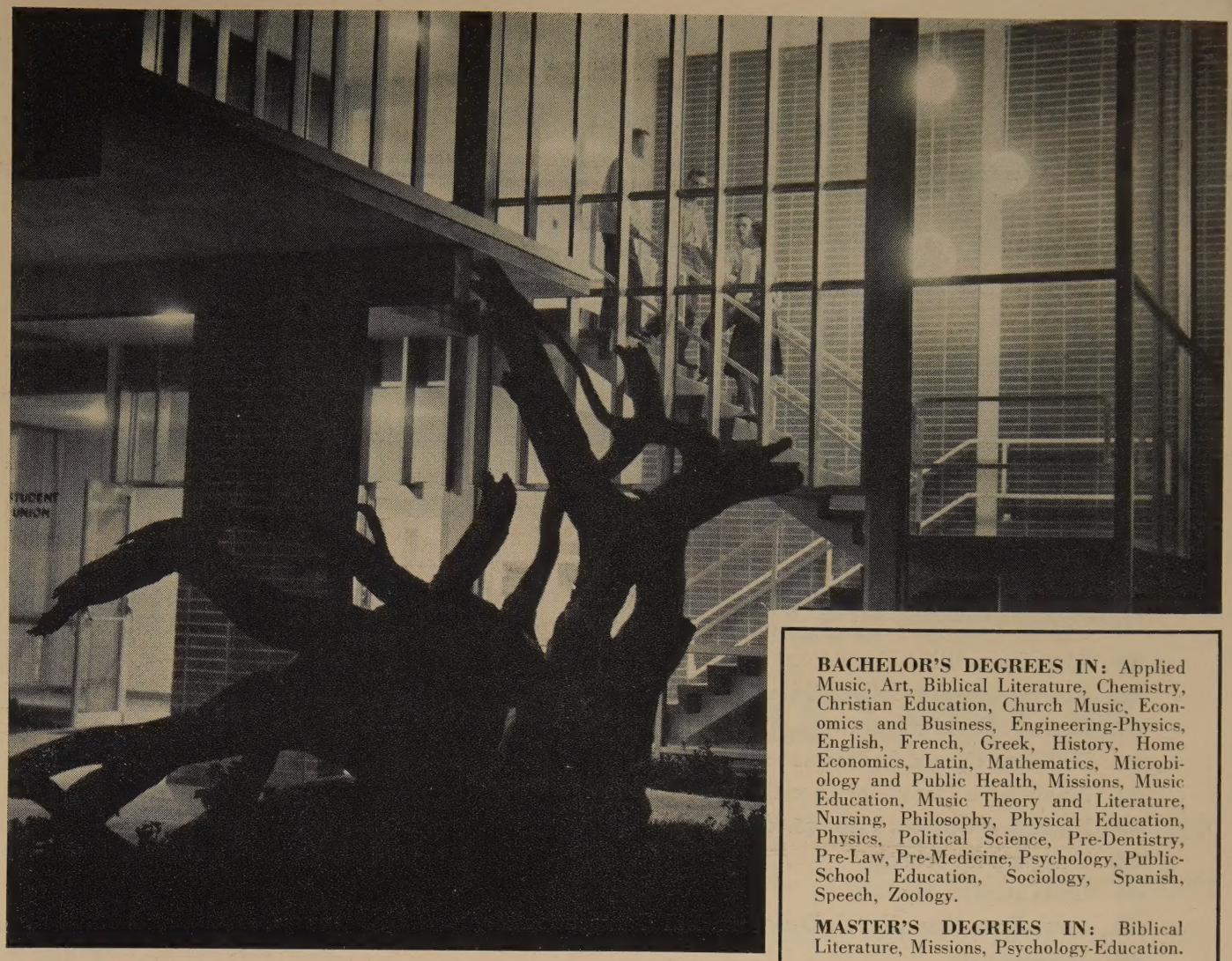

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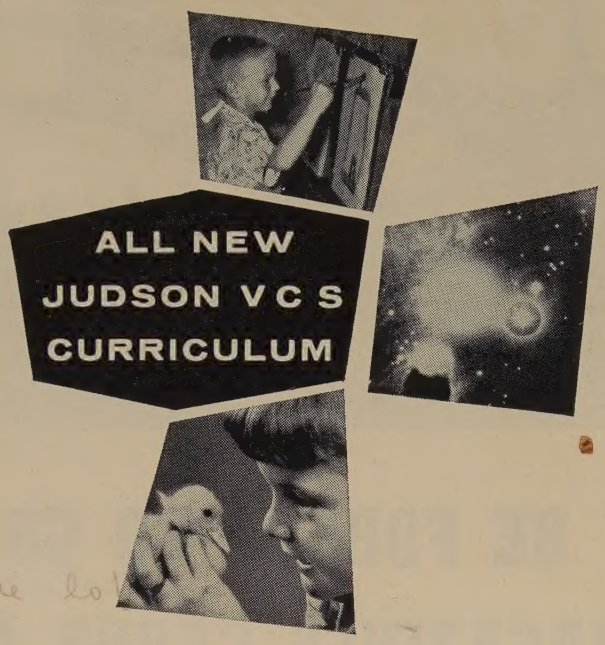

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Have you ever thought, for instance, that in the new year everything that happens to you can be good? If you have any doubts about the prospect, read again Rom. 8:28: ". . . all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Or did you ever stop to think that you can have anything that you ask for in 1961?

Anything? Yes, anything. That's what the Bible says. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

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Take a look at the condition qualifying the first promise. Obviously, the conditioning phrase is *"to them that love God."*

In other words, if you love God, this promise is yours in total. What does it mean to love God? Jesus said plainly: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

The condition for the second prom-

ise is equally simple: *"That the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

That is, if you ask things of the Heavenly Father that will glorify Him through His Son, Jesus Christ, then you can be sure that you will receive them. No room for selfishness, pride or jealousy here. If your motives are clean and pure and what you ask for is for the glory of God through Jesus Christ, the promise is sure.

Sounds simple, doesn't it?

Yes, it is simple—so simple, in fact, that you—as well as I—will miss some of the great things that God has in store for us in 1961.

But we need not miss all of them. For God's Holy Spirit is given to us so that He may lead us into all righteousness—the state of being in which we are prepared to claim God's best for ourselves and our loved ones.

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While I am on this subject, I might as well keep my promise of last month—to write you this month about "resolutions." That is, if you would do some thinking about the subject yourself—perhaps coming up with several resolutions with which you would face the new year.

The more I thought and prayed about the subject, however, the more convinced I was that someone else could do a better job on the subject than I. So one evening I telephoned my good friend, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College.

"Do you ever make New Year's resolutions?" I asked.

"Not New Year's resolutions especially—but many everyday resolutions," he replied.

After a brisk discussion on the merits of the subject in which we discovered how much we shared in common, I came to the point.

"How about doing an article for the January issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE on the subject of resolutions?"

"Let me pray about it, Bob, and I will call you tomorrow," he said.

For the results of the next day's telephone call, turn to page 19.

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After you have read Dr. Edman's article, I hope you sit down with a pad of paper and a pencil and make a list of resolves which you believe will contribute to your own spiritual life as well as to the spiritual well-being of those around you.

Begin by making a list as complete as possible. That is, include all the areas in which you would like to see improvement—particularly in your own life. Then consolidate as many of these as possible and come up with two or three pointed areas which you believe God is calling on you to turn over to Him completely.

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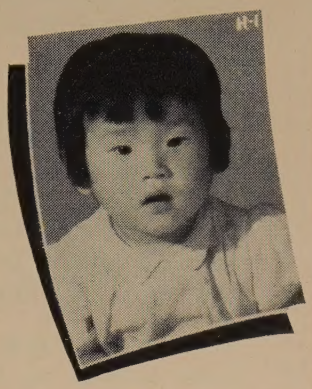

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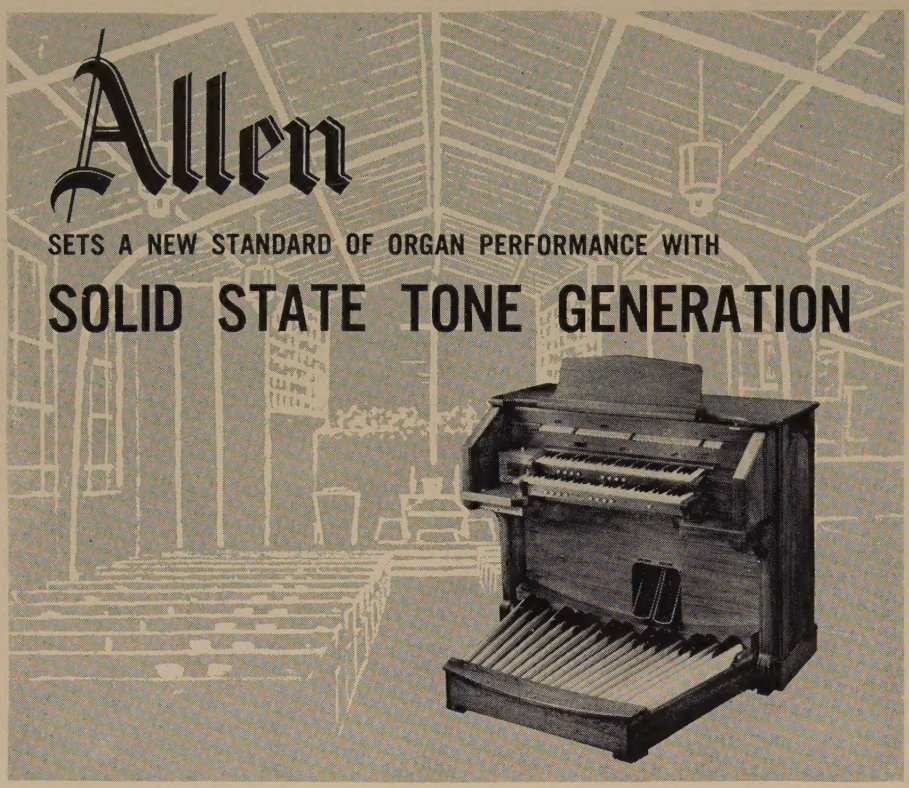

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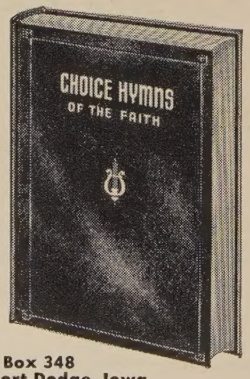

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perience in my life on many occasions.

Unlike Dr. Edman, however, I have made a practice of reviewing the whole field of resolutions several weeks before New Year's Day. Then, before God, I commit my resolves to Him and trust Him to show me how to make them work in the months ahead.

The more profitable "resolutions" in which I believe I have noted particular spiritual blessings include the following:

Praying for others. This was a particularly tough one for me. Probably because of my newspaper background, I was inclined to be cynical or become discouraged at failures on the part of people. However, as I read the Word of God one day, one particular verse popped out: "Rejoice evermore" (I. Thess. 5:16).

Other verses later substantiated this but never supplanted it. As a result, regardless of a situation, I have found great joy from praising God and thanking Him for His greatness and goodness —particularly at times or moments of distress or when situations might otherwise lead me to worry or become concerned. Incidentally, I discovered this to be one of the greatest antidotes for spiritual depression also.

Looking at things through the eyes of Jesus Christ. I have found too often I am critical or indifferent to situations around me in which I ought to be personally involved.

It is easy for me, for instance, to pass a beggar on the street with the observations, "Oh, he is probably part of a syndicate, a professional beggar. I will give my money to the Lord's work instead."

Or, if I become impatient with some person because he does not understand or appreciate me, I may be inclined to shrug him off or ignore him.

In circumstances like these, I have discovered that if I attempt to look at the person or the thing through the eyes of Christ, I get an altogether different perspective.

In other words, in such a situation, what He said or did should determine my attitude or action.

If you don't think this is a tremendously stimulating spiritual experience, try it.

But enough for the New Year now.

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While I have been writing this, I recalled a breakfast conversation in New York several weeks ago with the Rev. Stephen Olford, for the past year pastor of Calvary Baptist Church on 57th Street.

I have mentioned this church before in this letter and referred to Olford's coming from England to the pastorate. Clearly the move has been a good one

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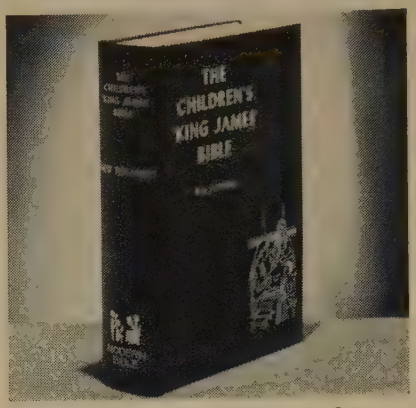

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Letter from the Editor

—both for the church and for Olford.

Stepping into the church for prayer meeting one Wednesday night, I was struck by the sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit—a feeling I had not been aware of in Calvary before.

Afterwards, chatting with friends, I was introduced to two new converts to Christ within the past several weeks. This proved additional evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work today at Calvary.

And if you are interested in tying in with this program of God's blessing, you might pray for their TV program launched late in the fall.

So far as I know, this is the only evangelical telecast on the air in metropolitan New York today. And if you know New York, I am sure you will agree with me that the only way to reach the masses of this country's greatest city with the Gospel is through TV. There simply is no other way.

But the technique of TV is not enough. Unless this program is empowered by the Holy Spirit as the result of the prayer of Christians, it will have little effect. Pray with me, won't you, that God's hand will be upon Olford and all of those participating with him in this program.

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More good things are coming your way in 1961. To add to your encouragement—and the sense of anticipation with which you open your issues of CHRISTIAN LIFE in the coming months—I would like to tip you off on some exciting news.

Some great articles by top writers are already scheduled. More are on the way. Take such men as Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham Team, Donald E. Hoke of Japan Christian College, Stephen Olford of Calvary Baptist Church and J. C. Macaulay of the London Bible Institute. Or such subjects as "Demonism Today," "Making Your Home More Spiritual," and "Science for Today's Christians" to name a few.

But digging out this material for you in CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine does not come easily, simply.

At every step, Satan attempts to block our writers, disable or hinder our photographers and artists. Your prayers are our armor against his attacks. We are deeply grateful for your faithfulness. Pray especially this month, won't you? And it is always good to hear from you. May His greatest be your richest this month.

As ever,

ROBERT WALKER
Editor

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HAS MISFORTUNE in your life ever caused you to doubt the truth of God's promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28)?

While CHRISTIAN LIFE evangelists **Lester and Grace Place** were holding meetings in Taylor, Pa., recently, the Lord used a tragedy in an unusual way.

Places

Place writes that just prior to their meetings at the Taylor Primitive Methodist Church the pastor's daughter was killed. This fine young Christian girl knew Christ as her personal Savior and had graduated from Houghton College. She was working as a journalist for an airline at the time. She was killed when the plane in which she was riding crashed at the airstrip at Boston.

At the funeral, the pastor said, "We know where Shirley is, but we wonder about the 60 others who were killed."

The Lord used this tragedy to work conviction in the hearts of many during the meetings. Attendance grew from 40 to 167. By the end of the week 15 persons had accepted Christ as their personal Savior and knew for the first time that they would spend eternity with the Lord. In addition, nine other persons rededicated their lives to the Lord.

This month you may hear Lester and Grace Place at First Baptist Church, Asbury Park, N. J., Jan. 1; Hope E.U.B. Church, Ephrata, Pa., Jan. 7; Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y., Jan. 8; First Baptist Church, Perth Amboy, N. J., Jan. 15; Portersville (Pa.) Y.F.C., Jan. 21; Grace Bible Community Church, New Castle, Pa., Jan. 22; and Calvary Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, Jan. 24-29.

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Memo to Herb

In the July issue (page 54), Mr. Herb Jauchen commented that he'd like to see a book on the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

I'd like to call attention to *Two Thousand Tongues To Go,* (Harper) by E. Wallis and M. Bennett. It tells the story of the Wycliffe Translators.

Last night I started reading it and couldn't close it until 2 a.m. For a book on the power of the Holy Spirit to lead consecrated people through humanly insurmountable obstacles—and to thrill and grip the readers, I heartily recommend it.

Santa Ana, Calif. PAUL W. TRAVIS
CHRISTIAN LIFE REGIONAL EDITOR

● *So do we! This book was reviewed in Oct. '59 issue of* CHRISTIAN LIFE.—*Eds.*

Helpful Ads . . .

We have found many helpful advertisements in CHRISTIAN LIFE and enjoy the magazine very much.

Bath, N. Y. JANE MUCHLER

. . . And Service, Too

I really appreciate the wonderful service you are rendering to evangelical churches. Our church is starting a fund-raising campaign to pay for property just purchased. We eventually want to build a whole new church plant, but will probably have to do it unit by unit. . . . But where do we begin?

Bell, Calif. DEAN MCNICHOLS
Bell Friends Church

India Needs Christian Literature

A few days ago I received a copy of your August 1957 issue. As I read some of the articles, I was very much impressed by this lovely magazine. I would like to receive it regularly.

I am Bible Translator for the Kuki Christians who number about 15,000 in Manipur alone. There are many Kukis in Assam and Upper Burma also.

. . . We have started a small library at this Christian center and your copy will much benefit other people also. We need many good magazines for this library even though old they may be. We have some 4,000 active members. Communist propaganda literature is very strong in this eastern border state of India. We need good magazines, literature to challenge this communist threat. Christians have an important part to play.

. . . The need of the hour is trained Christian leaders in various fields and

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materials for Christian workers. We are suffering immensely on these two.
Manipur, Assam, India S. T. MANGKHO

Christian Life Reading Contest Challenges Many

. . . Wonderful response for contest. People reading who never did.
Rockford, Ill. HAZEL HAYRENGA
Librarian, First Baptist Church

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I think this reading contest is an excellent idea. My husband and I are pastoring a small church and have been trying to get our folks to read.
Comins, Mich. MRS. DOUGLAS SYSON

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Please send me 40 report forms for your reading contest. This contest has caused me to put about one fourth of my library into use as a church library.
Budd Lake, N.J. REV. GLENN C. TOMPKINS
Union Chapel

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As a faithful and enthusiastic reader of CHRISTIAN LIFE since its inception, I hail your Reading Contest with great delight . . . . I myself found Christ as Savior through reading, and it is the church activity that is closest to my heart.
Holland, Mich. EVA MEINSMA

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We are thrilled with your Reading Contest and realize there is no way of losing in this big endeavor to encourage Christians to read Christian literature.
E. Rochester, N. H. MRS. ROBERT GOFF

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We as a family are joining the reading contest . . . . Sharon, our teen-age daughter, is going at it in earnest. She is taking speed reading at school and uses all time between classes as well as her "honors class" of one hour a day for reading. She is making a brief sketch report of each book read.
Curtis, Nebr. REV. RANDALL A. HEINRICHS
Berean Fundamental Church

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If the contest only helps a few of the participants to discover the tremendous spiritual benefits to be derived from this source, it can truly be marked down as one of the greatest events of our day.
Ennis, Ont. REV. HARRY R. TURNER
Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

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I am delighted with the plans for the Reading Contest. As teacher of the Adult Bible class, I have encouraged Christian reading but this contest will be a most helpful stimulus.
Sitka, Alaska MRS. H. GEORGE PRESCOTT
First Presbyterian Church

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I am thrilled by this contribution to the reading habits of Christians. I feel it can do much in the tomorrows by opening up new vistas of interest to those who would never otherwise start reading.
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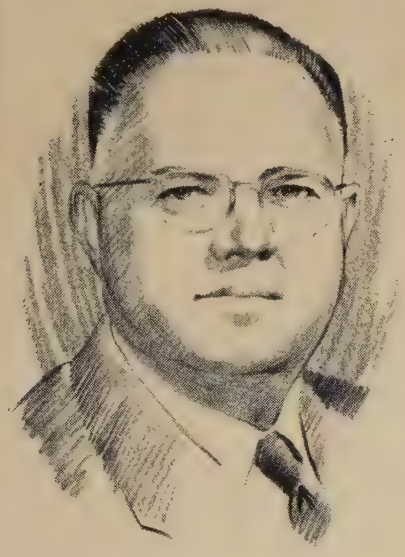

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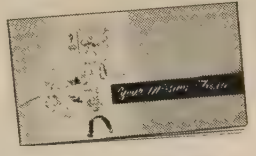

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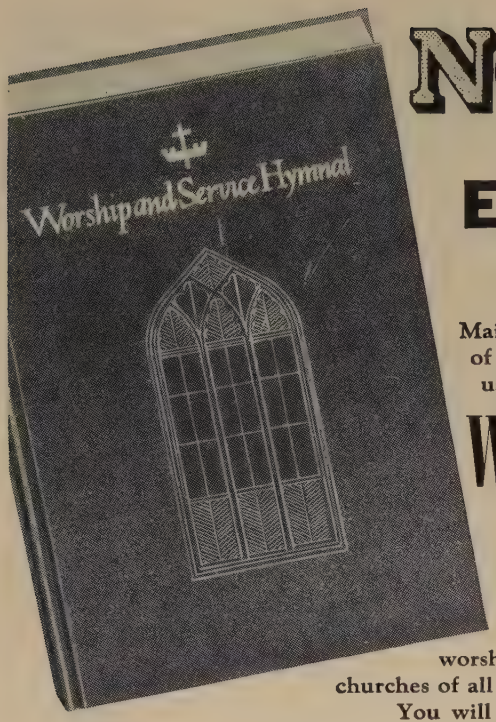

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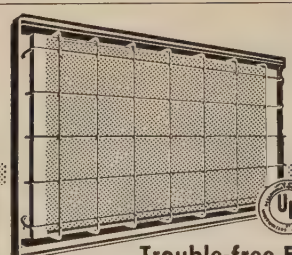

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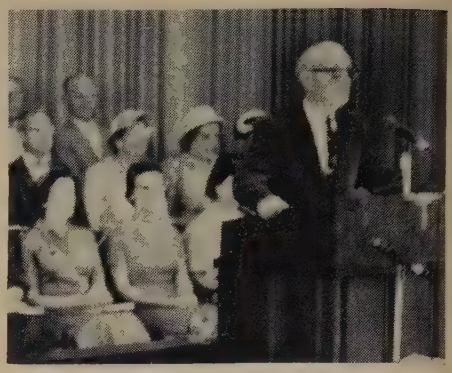

● WENDELL LOVELESS, record reviewer, is pastor of the Community Church of Boca Raton (Fla.). He's also a popular broadcaster on radio station WDBF.

Praise Ye The Lord

On Instruments . . .

● Mark Davidson, a 23-year-old pipe organist, has made his first LP—and I sincerely hope it is the first of a series. There are many good organists, but I detect something in the work of this young artist which gives verve and vitality which is quite refreshing to his production. Hope he never loses it. Selections for this album show the verstility of the musician. *Young Man's Fancy*, Sacred, No. LP-3001:

Wonderful Grace of Jesus, Revive Us Again, Soldiers of Immanuel, Chorus Medley, At Calvary, O Happy Day, Where He Leads I'll Follow, In My Heart There Rings a Melody, We Are More Than Conquerors, I'm Glad I'm a Christian, My Home Sweet Home, Love Divine All Love Excelling, Assurance March, Battle Hymn of the Republic.

● I first heard Jack Conner play the vibraharp and marimba in an evangelistic service several years ago. It seemed to me it was the best I had ever heard. I'm glad that some of his artistry has been preserved on records. On his new disk, he is accompanied by Ralph Carmichael's grand orchestra. *I Love To Tell the Story*, Christian Faith, No. JC-7095:

I Love To Tell the Story, Angels We Have Heard on High, Gesu Bambino, What Child Is This, The Stranger of Galilee, The Palms, Alas and Did My Savior Bleed, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Breathe on Me Breath of God, Holy Ghost with Light Divine, Sheep May Safely Graze, Forward to Christ, The Holy City, Christ Returneth, I Love To Tell the Story.

. . . With Solo Voice

● When I heard Tony Fontane's first sacred recording I said he might have to work a little longer in sacred music before he lost the "pop" style of singing he used in show business before his conversion. I note a real change in his latest release, in which he is nicely accompanied by Dennis Farnon's orchestra and chorus. Mighty good listening! *He Leads Me*, RCA-Victor, No. LPM-2215:

Until Then, Take My Hand Precious Lord, Someday

He'll Make It Plain, Of God I Sing, The Prince of Peace, How Big Is God, He Leads Me, It Matters to Him about You, Melody Divine, His Name Is Wonderful, He Was There, Somewhere Beyond the Sun.

● Stuart Hamblen is one of today's most prolific composers. Many of his songs are widely known and used. His style is definitely "western" and rhythmic—and some feel that a little of this type of music goes a long way. But many of his songs have a solid message and real spiritual value. His own singing style, I feel, reflects his many years in the entertainment field. Most of the songs on his latest release are enjoyable. *It Is No Secret,* RCA-Victor No. LPM-1253:

It Is No Secret, Open Up Your Heart, These Things Shall Pass, Blood Upon Your Hand, Where the Seasons Never Change, The Lord Is Counting on You, The King of All Kings, I Don't Know Why, I Believe, His Hands, This Ole House.

● Kurt Kaiser, whose musical ability is becoming more and more evident, has just directed, arranged and produced a group of songs by lyric tenor Bill Mann, an experienced and dedicated servant of the Lord. His interpretation of the songs is outstanding. Word recording No. W-3105:

Somebody Bigger Than You and I, Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart, Sunrise, In the Bleak Midwinter, Just a Closer Walk with Thee, Abide with Me, Jesus Jesus Rest Your Head, His Hands, In the Hour of Trial, The Peace That Jesus Gives, A Heart Like Thine, Leave It There.

. . . With Group Singing

● One of the best known gospel radio programs is Wilbur Nelson's Morning Chapel Hour. Favorite songs of the broadcast by outstanding vocalists have been waxed and released recently. Vocalists include Nelson himself, Beth Farnam, Gloria Roe, Doris Thompson, Ethyl Nelson, Norman Nelson. Word, No. W-3112-LP:

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● Baritone Gary Moore and tenor Ralph Nielsen have teamed for some inspiring duets, accompanied by the Scott Douglass orchestra and chorus. Both of these artists are outstanding soloists—and this new recording is a good contribution to the library of recorded sacred music. Zondervan Victory No. ZLP-537:

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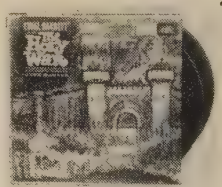

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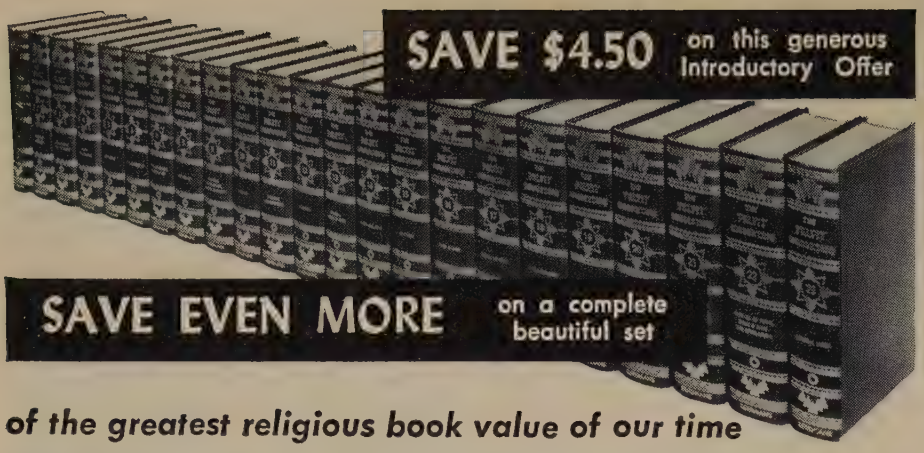

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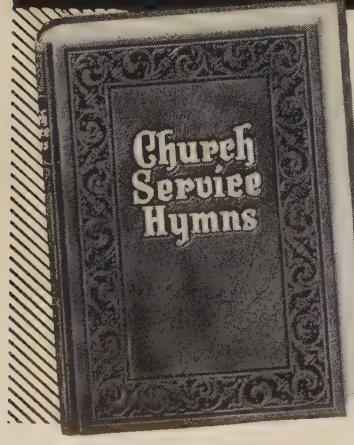

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Your Opinion, Please

by Jane Hindman

This month's question is:

What will be your most important spiritual objective in 1961?

Mrs. Alice L. Dyer, *housewife,* Wyevale, Ontario, Canada — My uppermost spiritual goal for 1961 is that —by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God, the daily assimilation of the living Word and a vital ministry of intercession, I may be available to God for the saving, encouraging and enriching of other lives. Since "bread corn is bruised" (Isa. 28:28), this may not be pleasant, but it will mean a closer, clearer identification with my wonderful Lord and with the needy.

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Warren W. Buchholtz, *president,* The Messengers Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. — A free translation of II Cor. 5:17 would read: "Wherefore, a man being in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things are passing away; behold all things are becoming new.

Although I am the former superintendent of the world-famous "Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting," and also a local evangelist for almost 20 years, I still find that the "old man" comes to the surface much too frequently.

My earnest prayer and sincere desire is that self-life will be held more fully in subjection and that the spiritual life in Christ will shine forth. I desire that the love of God in Christ Jesus—which is so real and precious to me—may be so manifest that it will touch and change lives as I contact people and speak the Gospel of salvation.

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Helen E. Snider, *cost accountant,* Dayton, Ohio — My most important spiritual objective in 1961 is to liquidate my spiritual debts.

My debt to the Lord shall be met first. I have purposed to spend unhurried time in His presence. Time alone to love, praise and listen to Him. He shall have me *before* my service.

I will be ready then, strengthened and

filled with His Spirit, to pay my debts to all men. And I *am* a debtor to my family, friends, neighbors and co-workers, that they, too, may know the reality of having Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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Kenneth W. Lehman, *construction worker,* Fort Wayne, Ind.—My earnest and prayerful goal is expressed in the words of the song which follows:

I have one deep supreme desire;
That I may be like Jesus.
To this I fervently aspire;
That I may be like Jesus.
I want my heart His throne to be
So that a watching world may see
His likeness shining forth *in me;*
I want to be like Jesus.
His Spirit fill my hungering soul;
His power o'er my life control.
My deepest prayer—my highest goal;
That I may be like Jesus.

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Ella S. Rash, *worker in school cafeteria,* Wyoming, Del.— I yearn to help to rescue the perishing, care for the dying, lift men from the cesspools of sin, point them to the Lamb of God.

My spiritual objective for 1961 will be as usual: to approach the new year with new zeal and enthusiasm for the furtherance of God's work.

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L. Eldon Tuck, *minister,* Safford, Ariz.— As pastor of an evangelical church, I find we are not reaching those who do not know Jesus Christ as we should. My most important spiritual objective is to encourage each member of our church to become a soul winner.

Question for March is submitted by Miss Pearl Brand of Centralia, Ill.:

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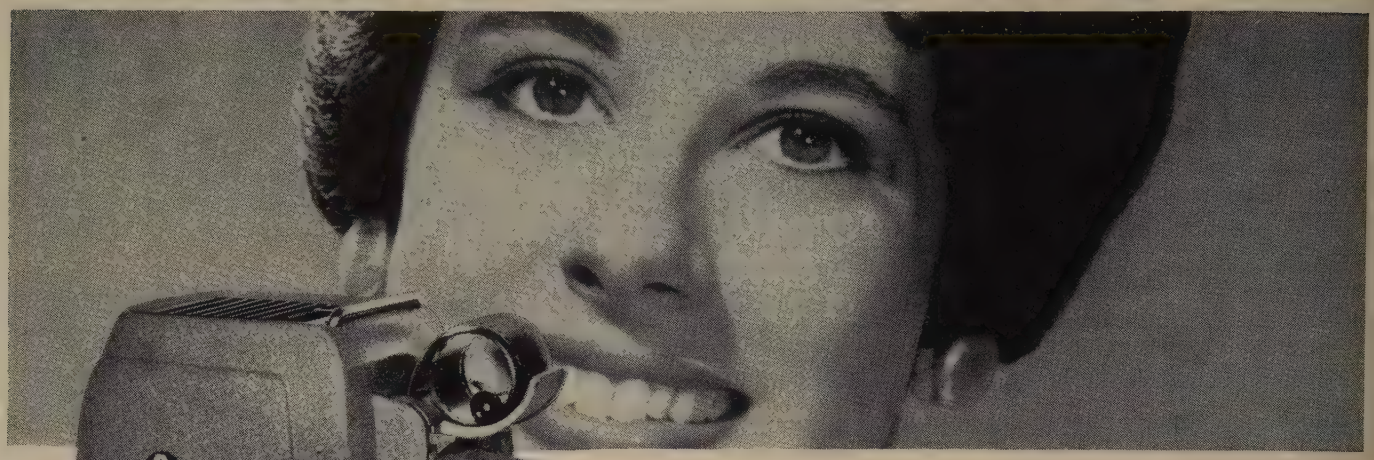

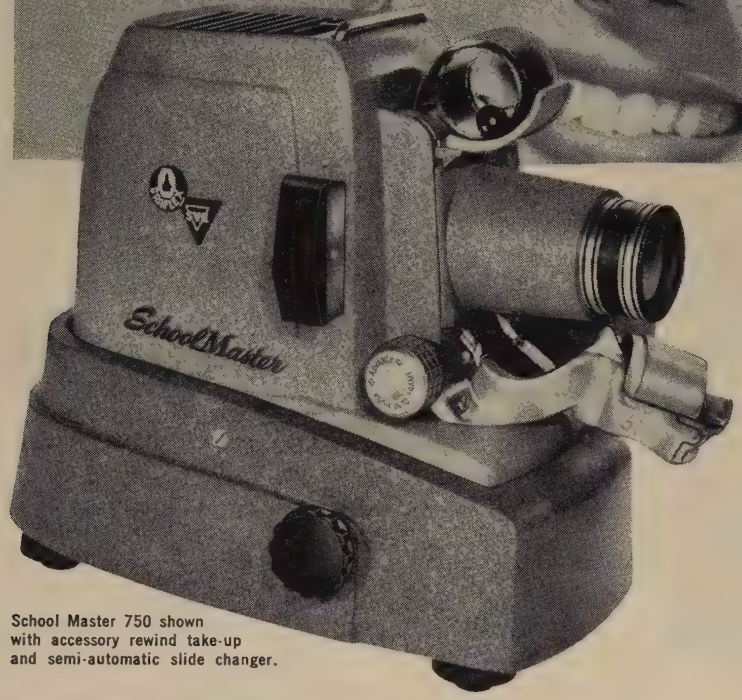

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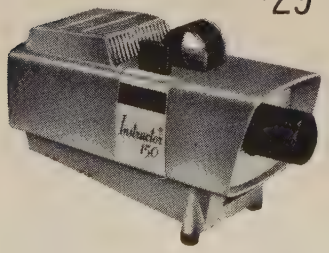

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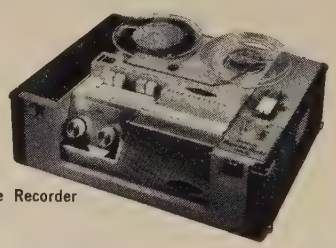

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Dr. and Mrs. V. Raymond Edman share the benefits of one resolve that become a daily routine of very early morning hours in their home.

What's Good about New Year's Resolutions?

At the traditional season for making resolutions, a college president shares his experience concerning them.

V. Raymond Edman
President, Wheaton College

MANY PEOPLE this month will make New Year's resolutions. To some the resolution is the expression of a half-hearted wish which they know will never be fulfilled.

Personally, I do not make New Year's resolutions. I do make resolves, purposes, goals, from time to time as I see a need in my own life. This practice I have found to be most helpful. Some of these decisions have been made on New Year's day, and because this is the traditional time for considering them, let me relate my own observations regarding the making of resolutions.

In my opinion, the determination to improve one's life or to achieve worthy objectives can be helpful if the resolutions are made before the Lord and accomplished by His help.

None of us has the patience and persistence to carry through a project by our own strength and will power. Rather, we learn that we can do "all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

'Here are some of the resolutions which I have made in times past, and which have been quite revolutionary in my life . . . .'

The Bible abounds in such illustrations.

When pursued by the insanely jealous Saul, David determined that his hand would not be upon the king, irrespective of whatever opportunity there might be to avenge himself (I Sam. 24:6-7; 12-15). Daniel "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with a portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank . . ." (Dan. 1:8). The Prodigal Son decided, "I will arise and go to my father's house" (Luke 15:18). The Apostle Paul made it his ambition "to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation" (Rom. 15: 20). Of the Lord Jesus it is said that "he steadfastly set his face to go to Jesusalem" (Luke 9:51).

Here are some of the resolutions which I have made in times past, and which have been quite revolutionary in my life.

Have Morning Devotions—Early in our married life, my wife and I determined to set aside the first hours of the day for our devotions. Each day is filled with many activities for both of us. We think the early morning is the best time for meeting the Lord in His Word and in prayer. Heart and mind are fresh and alert at that time, and not weary. Almost never is there any interruption by telephone or the doorbell since today we arise at 4:30 or a little later to have at least an hour and a half or two for the Lord. Thus, we literally seek *first* in the day the kingdom of God; and we find that strength and guidance for the day are provided. We share the experience of the poet who wrote, "I met God in the morning when the day was at its best . . . ."

Keep My Problems to Myself—As our family grew in size I resolved that I would be constructive and helpful in our home life so as not to be in any way a hindrance spiritually to my boys. I had observed that some men took their troubles home with them. As they spilled out their spleen against those by whom they have been mistreated or misrepresented, their loved-ones also became infected with unhappiness. Instead, I made it a point to leave the heartache, outside the door in the darkness; then I could come in with cheer and a heart-felt happiness.

After all, no good could be accomplished by a complaining spirit on my part. But by leaving unhappiness with the Lord we as a family could have our family altar and our fun together.

That resolution was based on many scriptures, especially on Jeremiah 15: 10-11. The prophet complained to the Lord replied in substance that Jeremiah's heart attitude was right and therefore "it shall be well with thy remnant."

Contribute to the Physical Well-Being of My Environment—Shortly after being led by the Lord to Wheaton College, I resolved to do something constructive to keep the campus neat and attractive. As a result, I began the practice of never passing by a piece of scrap paper or other unsightly object on the campus, and I enlisted a few others to help me. Thus came into being the *Picker Upper Club,* whose motto is "Business Is Picking Up." Not only is campus kept more tidy and attractive, but I believe students respond to that example of carefulness for what really belongs to the Lord.

Inspire True Worship of God in Those with Whom I Fellowship—As I traveled across the country visiting in churches of many different denominations I often sensed a lack of true worship of God. It seemed to me that much could be done in teaching young people the basic elements of true worship. Therefore, I proposed that we do all in our power to improve reverence in the daily chapel service, which in turn should be reflected in other places and occasions of worship.

At first it was difficult to create an understanding and a desire that we should come quietly into God's House, that we should desist from all conversation, and that we should have a quieting of our own hearts before being prepared to sing the Lord's praises and to hear His Word.

Patience, prayer, example, and instruction proved to be successful after a time. Today the college family enters chapel quietly and reverently. The service is unhurried and designed to be Christ-centered. We have learned to sing all the stanzas of a hymn without interruption between one stanza and another. A prominent place is given to the reading of the Scripture. The introduction of the guest speaker is very brief, and without any adulation of him or of the Christian service which he represents. As a result the practice of worship has become more meaningful to all of us.

Be a Friend to Those Around Me—The longer I live the more apparent it becomes to me that everybody has problems—even young people. Thus I determined to live alongside our young people the best I could. As the days come and go I realize it is best to live with them and not try to keep up with them. Administration has plenty of responsibilities of its own; but effort should be made to be among young hearts so as to understand them, to enjoy their activities, to share their recreation, and also their joys and their sorrows. That is why I sit on the bench at a football game, or spend some days with the ROTC cadets in their summer training at Fort Riley, Kan.

The scripture in that connection I found in II Kings 6. When the campus for the school of the prophets became to small, the students proposed to enlarge the facilities at a new site near the Jordan River. When the headmaster Elisha gave permission for the project, the students requested that he go with them. The account states, "And he answered, I will go" (verse 3).

Never Leave a Difficult Situation—Years ago I made a decision in prayer that has become a fixed principle for the Lord's guidance. I have found this resolution to be particularly important. As best I understand the will of God, it my my established purpose to continue in that assignment until the Most High makes clear His indication of another duty for me.

While still a young missionary, I noted with dismay that some national pastors and even some missionaries often left a difficult situation when problems arose—especially when an apparently delightful opportunity to serve elsewhere was presented. Difficulty and delight, I was convinced, are but details in our service for our Lord, and should not determine our obedience. Therefore, I then determined before the Lord that I would not leave the place of His appointment either under pressure on the one hand or because of possible pleasure for myself. Furthermore, when I would be persuaded to take up a new responsibility, I would make sure that every possible provision had been made for the uninterrupted continuation of God's work where I had been serving.

This decision was made largely on the basis of John 10:12 in which the Savior said specifically: "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep."

The application was obvious. Am I serving the Lord primarily for what I am benefited thereby; or do I have the true heart of a shepherd that has

Regular visitor on the bench at Wheaton football games is the president (r). Back of his keen interest lies a resolve related here.

concern only for the welfare of the sheep?

Over the years I have been profoundly grateful for that resolution.

When it became apparent that the Lord of the harvest was sending us away from the little Bible school which we had helped to establish in Ecuador, I made sure that a new principal was selected and fully prepared for the opening of the next school year. When we were led from the Lord's work in Worchester, Mass., to Nyack and New York City, there was prayer with the executive committee of the Gospel Tabernacle. The appointment of a pastor to succeed us came without any interruption whatever. When the pillar of cloud and fire lifted in New York City, the same procedure was followed as we left for Wheaton.

Often I have reflected: how much good would be done in the Lord's work if an undershepherd would not leave his flock until another had been sent by the Great Shepherd to take his place! The true undershepherd should have heart attitude of Moses, the man of God. When he understood that it was not the will of God that he should lead the tribes of Israel into the Land of Promise, he prayed: "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation; which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd" (Num. 27:16-17). As a result, Moses was instructed to put Joshua in his place, and when the days of Moses were fulfilled, Joshua was fully prepared to lead the people across the Jordan and to the conquest of the Land.

Not all decisions, however earnestly and devoutly made, are of necessity the will of God.

Certainly King David was wholehearted in his eagerness to build a temple for the Lord; and even the Prophet Nathan agreed with him saying, "Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee" (II Sam. 7:3). However, that same night the Lord corrected Nathan who in turn told David that his son, and not the king himself, would build that temple.

It is perfectly possible for some of our resolves to be unfulfilled or to be unsatisfactorily accomplished because we have not lived up to the light of them.

Some time ago, Ruth Graham, wife of the evangelist, asked me, "Prexy, if you had it to do over again, what would you do differently for your children?"

My reply was immediate: "There are many things I would do differently. Especially, I would deliberately, even doggedly, take more time to be with my children. Our four boys realized that there wer many demands on my time, and were very understanding. However, if I had it to do over again, we would have more time for reading and playing together, for picnics and trips. Reading and praying together add love and security real to young hearts."

Resolutions? Yes, they may be made on New Year's day, and on any day. And they can be revolutionary in our lives if they are made in faith and prayer, in surrender of self to the Savior and of utter obedience to His will. This is because He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think! Ω

A CHRISTIAN LIFE interview with Dave Morken

Missionary in the Far East for two decades, Morken first entered Sumatra under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Evacuated a step ahead of the Japanese invasion forces, Morken returned to California where he entered Service Men's work, headed up the Los Angeles Youth for Christ until 1948. Returning to China he remained through the Communist take-over when he became house prisoner for a year. Moving on to Japan, he headed Tokyo Youth for Christ for the next five years. As a missionary-at-large, Morken travels widely throughout the Far East as an evangelist, considers Hong Kong home. He is now in the U. S. on furlough.

God Moves in the Far East

Communist aggression and nationalism present great road blocks, but this key area of the world is responding to the Gospel as never before in this century.

AROUND THE WORLD today the throb of the Holy Spirit stirs the hearts of believers—awakens faith in the minds of pagans. But of all places where spiritual awakening appears to destine to have the greatest impact, the Far East stands out.

Many factors contribute to this potential. One of these, according to experienced political and sociological observers, is the dynamic population growth. Nowhere else is the sheer numbers of people growing at a greater rate than in India, Indonesia and Japan. And according to these authorities, expanding population is the most explosive force in fate of men and nations.

For this reason the Communist world and the Western democracies today are locked in a titanic struggle to win the peoples of the Far East. But greater in force than population explosion is the power of God. Under the impact of spiritual awakening the fate of nations is determined and the course of history is determined.

Today in the Far East the power of God is at work. In the eyes of many mission authorities, evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit is more apparent now than at any time in modern history. To report on this development, CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine this month interviews missionary evangelist and observer David Morken.

Widely traveled Morken is known throughout the Far East as the missionary's missionary. His activities have taken him from Japan and Korea through Indonesia and India, the Philippians and the East Indies.

Morken's evangelistic crusades have been held in cooperation with Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, and Christian and Missionary Alliance as well as most of the Independent mission boards.

Question: We understand that God is demonstrating His power in the Far East in a greater way than ever before in the history of missions. How would you say that this movement of the Holy Spirit is most dramatically evident?

Morken: Well, I see behind every international and national situation not only the energizing and organizing mind of Satan, but the sovereign hand of God. This is evident in the scattering of believers, as a result of persecution. On our way home this summer we stopped in Singapore to visit with old friends from China. Oswald Sanders, the General Director of the China Inland Mission (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) said, "When our work was confined largely to the inland of China we were a candle; now that we are scattered through many countries of the Far East we have become a candelabra!"

This is true of nearly every mission. It is God's way of taking the worst that Satan can do and working it out for good.

Then I see the working of the Holy Spirit in the awakened conviction of church leaders that the great task of the Church is to bring men to Christ.

Bishops and pastors and missionaries have expressed this conviction to me in nearly every country we have worked.

Dr. Baken Cawthone, Secretary of

Missionary Morken and wife. "The response during the past five years has been greater than anything we have seen previously..."

the Southern Baptist Foreign Board, said that they, as a mission, are concentrating on evangelism. Their schools and seminaries have the prime purpose of producing young people who will be witnesses for Christ.

Bishop John of the Church of South India, and Bishop Theophilus of the Mar Thoma Church feel that the church in India is now beginning to recognize their responsibility of evangelizing India and surrounding countries.

Anglican Bishop Chandu Ray of Pakistan attended the Billy Graham conference on Evangelism in Switzerland. There he told of the activities of the Church in witnessing—even though it means persecution and at times imprisonment.

Question: What about evangelistic crusades?

Morken: We have been in the Far East about 20 years, but the response during the past five years has been greater than anything we have seen previously. Each year through our meetings alone we have seen several thousand men signify their desire to renounce the way of sin and ungodliness and be reconciled to God. This is God's doing!

Question: In what countries have you held such meetings yourself?

Morken: This term we have been in South Japan, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong and the new territories, Macao, Vietnam, Indonesia, South India, and while on our way home to the States we stopped and had meetings in Ethiopia. Before this term we were also in China and in Korea.

Question: In which of these countries do you believe you have seen the greatest evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit?

Morken: This is a most difficult question to answer. But speaking offhand I would say in Hong Kong and Indonesia, more Mohammedans have come to Christ than in all other Mohammedan countries combined. In India, the Spirit of prayer for revival that we saw gave me great courage. In Japan, there is tremendous spiritual opposition, but I believe God has unique treasures in that land and God is bringing them to Himself.

Question: It has been reported that greater numbers of people are responding to the gospel in India than in any other country. What has been your experience in this connection?

Morken: I believe in South India there have been some of the largest gatherings in the world. But not so in North India. Earlier this year we were invited by Bishop John of the Church of South India and the Bishops of the Mar Thoma Church for three crusades. In Trivandrum we met in the football stadium, and I have never seen such quiet reverence as was shown by the thousands who listened to the Gospel. In Kotarakara there were between 10,000 and 25,000 attending, and at Maramon it started with 25,000 and ended with an estimated 100,000 people seated on the river bank to hear God's Holy Word.

Similar crowds—though not as large as the Maramon gathering—are gathering in many countries. In Bandoeng, Java, we met in a football stadium

where the people sat for five nights in pouring rain, and the smallest crowd was 3,000. Other evangelists have had still larger crowds.

By contrast, when we started our missionary work in Sumatra before the second World War we walked hundreds of miles through the jungle to get to small tribes of 30 and 40 people. But let me say this, I have learned that no meeting is small if God is in it, and at the same time a large crowd is no indication of spiritual awakening.

Question: What are the results of such evangelistic crusades? This is, are there any unusual types of conversions?

Morken: I know we are living in a statistical age and men want figures, but I personally am sick of them. God's work has a way of multiplying that no man can calculate.

As to unusual types of conversions, there are many. In Taipei, government officials, professional men and the so-called "king of pick-pockets" is now serving the Lord. In Manila, a newspaper editor who had become a heroin addict was converted and immediately delivered.

One evening at the close of a meeting in Hong Kong Dr. Carter Morgan of the Southern Baptist Seminary introduced me to a gentleman from Indonesia who asked if he might see me the next day. After making the appointment we shook hands.

As we did so, he looked searchingly into my eyes and asked, "Could you give me just five minutes right now?"

We went into a small room where he told me he was an official of the Indonesian Foreign Service. He had one question which he wanted answered.

"Can Jesus do more for me than the Prophet Mohammed?"

I told him simply who Jesus is, what He came into the world to do, how He accomplished His work by dying for our sins and rising from the dead the third day, and that He lives today being exalted as Prince and Saviour. When I had finished, I asked if I might pray for him. Instead of replying he fell on his face and prayed. Later that evening he left for home knowing that he had accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, but realizing also, he must tell his wife who as a result might divorce him. When he told her what had happened, however, she started weeping and then told him how she had heard the Gospel three years before in Java. She believed, but had been afraid to tell anyone. Now for three years she had been praying that he would hear the Gospel, too. Several weeks later Dr. Charles Roberts dedicated their children and baptized the couple.

Question: You have been quoted as saying that a number of political or military leaders have been involved in the so-called spiritual awakening in the Far East. In your opinion, why is this so?

Morken: I would say that they all are becoming involved whether they want to or not. Some are in militant opposition as in Communist China. Others like President Diem of Vietnam dismissed the Gospel as impractical after we had spent an hour together discussing the needs of his people. Then there is President Chiang Kai Chek of Free China and the late President Magsaysay of the Philippines who, in every contact we have had with them, recognized the spiritual needs of their people and gave encouragement to the preaching of the Gospel.

The complex international and national situation is making some men in positions of leadership realize the futility of leaving God out of their lives and affairs. Not only government leaders but religious men of the East are discovering that their hearts are empty, their lives are void and without purpose, and the future is dark.

While we were in Alleppey, South India, for instance, many of the leading Hindus sat on the front rows every night. Towards the end of the crusade they asked the pastors to continue the meetings. A veteran missionary of nearly fifty years in India told me the Hindu mind and heart is empty, and that he is having similar experiences among them throughout that great land.

Question: What about the development of indigenous missionary activity —that is, do you see evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in the growth of churches, The Little Flock, etc.?

Morken: Yes, we do. Conversion is a supernatural change. When men are truly converted and added to the church it is a work of the Holy Spirit. In Hong Kong, for instance, there are many churches and schools associated with missionary bodies that are ingenous. The Mar Thoma Church in South India, the Batak Church of Indonesia (to name only a few) are indigenous works.

The Little Flock group has several assemblies in Hong Kong, also in Taiwan and the Philippine Islands. They are doing a good work. I have many friends among them and thank God for what He is doing through them.

In India there is the work of Bakht Singh and his co-workers. I have heard the good reports of God bringing Hindus to Himself through their testimony.

In the Philippine Islands there are many including Greg Tingson, who are doing a wonderful work of evangelism.

Then, one of the encouraging factors is the seminaries and Bible Institutes that are doing such a magnificient work in training future laborers. The greatest need in every denomination and mis-

Archdeacon and Mrs. V. Donnithorne, Anglican missionaries in Hong Kong, share with the Morkens accounts of the work of the Holy Spirit today throughout the Far East.

Look for spiritual awakening in these countries (white areas) in the Far East: Japan, Indonesia, India and in Hong Kong.

sion is for young men of God's choosing who will recognize God's call and surrender their lives to Him. The church in America can assist in this need by praying daily that God will thrust forth laborers from the Church of Asia to His great Harvest.

Question: Reports have come to us that along with the spiritual awakening in the Far East has come a clear evidence of gifts of the Holy Spirit being demonstrated by national Christians. Have you seen such evidence, and would you explain it?

Morken: In I Cor. 12 Paul states that the manifestations of the Spirit are given to every man to profit. God gives gifts to all His children, and in sovereign grace He divides to every man severally as He wills. I am sure that there are evidences of these gifts demonstrated in the lives of Christians everywhere.

For instance *faith*. When a pagan or heathen is converted, his conversion is such an obvious miracle his heart is filled with simple trust.

As he reads the Word of God, it speaks to his heart, and in joy he accepts its promises without question. We have seen their taking James' instructions literally regarding the sick and have seen marvelous answers to their prayers.

Not only are the sick healed, but demons are cast out. Rev. Olsen of the Lutheran Mission has witnessed more than 70 individual cases of deliverance from demon possession, and has written a book about it.

Dr. Vaughn Rees, M.D. testifies of such evidences among the "Jesus Family" in Communist China.

Archdeacon and Mrs. V. Donnithorne, Anglican missionaries originally from West China and now in Hong Kong tell of thrilling experiences among the national Christians. Most of these veteran missionaries have seen revival in China and the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men. Yes, I am sure that God is giving His gifts to His children in Asia as graciously as in any other place.

Question: Do you believe that the Asian church has accepted the missionary challenge of this day on its own part?

Morken: I would say yes in a small but growing sense. Churches in Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippine Islands and India are beginning to send out missionaries. Speaking of this—it has always been my conviction that God is going to greatly use the church in Asia soon; some of the most Godly men and greatest preachers I know are there. I feel that God has a church in South India from which He can get men to evangelize India and surrounding countries. They are already sending men to the borders of Tibet, Nepal and bordering countries.

Before the Communists took over, the church in Shanghai sent David and Mary Lamb to Calcutta, India, and for more than eleven years they have done a great work. And there are many more. Before the last war the Oriental Missionary Society's Japanese Church had sent missionaries to twelve different countries, and were sending $250 a month for the support of Jewish Evangelism. Ω

THE GHOST IN GERANIUM'S

A ghost, a cat, Miss Knot-neck and Mr. Thistle-throat. It's ridiculous. It didn't really happen. But it could . . . !

by Dana Kent

AGATHA LOUISE JOSEPHINE TURNBY! You have no more resistance than a noodle when it comes to stray cats!"

I spoke to myself with some irritation, watching the little scamp gobble up his second dish of vitamin-fortified milk. The kitten agreed with me, slipping his motor into gear.

"Morning, Aunt Aggie." My niece entered the kitchen with an affectionate pat for both of us. "We shall christen him Tobias W. Oppenheimer after the only professor that ever flunked me. He's no alley cat, Aggie, he's part angora—"

"And I'm part teched to have babied him all week."

"You like him as much as I do," my niece interrupted. "We both need a little distraction."

"That's nobody's fault but your own," I retorted.

The young woman nibbling her toast was Holly Turnby, now living with me for an indefinite period. Reared and educated in New York city, she had suddenly "clipped the chains"—as she said.

"You've been nursing day and night and trying to keep a Sunday school class and those Frontier girls."

"Pioneer girls, Auntie. And I couldn't give up my girls' classes—"

"You ought to be married and having your own," I speculated over my instant coffee.

"That's another reason why I came here—to get away from those six-

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Looking up the dusty trail I retracted all statements of valor. "Holly, we'd better wait for Judd. Let's pray," I whispered.

FICTION

GARRET

How God Answered My Prayer While

We Clung to the Sides of the Boat

Our little motor boat tossed on the boisterous sea. As boatmen repeatedly tried to control our craft, the outgoing tide roared on to join the turbulent waters of the Bay of Bengal. We were helpless and in grave danger.

We had been touring islands in the Mergui Archepelago just off the coast of Burma, visiting in fishing villages, telling the Gospel story, explaining pictures on the life of Christ, giving out tracts and selling Gospels. We had planned to enter another stream, tie up for the night beyond the pull of the tide, have a quiet sleep and be ready to enter the village early in the morning.

But things did not work out that way. Without warning a terrific wind had arisen, gaining in ferocity every moment. We thought of Paul and his experience as told in Acts 27. In the darkness we could see nothing. Our spotlight contributed little. Once we found ourselves headed toward a huge rock. With rare presence of mind the boatmen changed the direction—so swiftly the boat rocked dangerously and we were soaked.

We clung to the sides of the boat, helplessly praying that if God had further work for us to do He would spare our lives. If not, that He would give us the joy of His presence. Mountain-like waves lifted us high then suddenly dropped us. Eddies whirled us around and around. The preacher and the Bible women were praying aloud when suddenly God answered our prayers.

I do not know what happened. I do not know how mountain-like waves could create a placid stretch of water. I do not know how we were led to that phenomenon. But suddenly, when there seemed no hope for our preservation our little boat was rested in calm water. The waves were high all around us, but we were quiet. It was not a dream. It was not a hallucination. Our storm-tossed boat was *floating on calm water.*

How? I do not know. All I do know is that Jesus Christ spoke, *Peace be still,* and for us the water was stilled. A miracle had happened.

With prayers of thanksgiving on our lips we remained at anchor in that spot until the wind died down, the waves lost their ferocity and the light of a new day dispersed the darkness. We then motored across the bay. We had been driven far from our course. Now we entered the desired stream on the low tide and as it turned we floated easily up stream toward our next village.

There, in the quiet of that little jungle stream, resting and praying, we tried to find the lesson God had for us out of that frightening experience. As we prayed and shared our experiences of prayer we learned three things.

First, that when all human props are gone and there seems to be no hope, the human heart sees God and His power in a deeper way. There is an utter dependence on Him. Earthly ties fade away. Then He can work His miracles—as He did for us that night.

Secondly, we learned that we needed such a test of faith. Wonderful experiences had been ours—answered prayer, miracles of healing, protection from stoning, etc. We were in danger of becoming complacent, of expecting easy results. Any tendency along this line was blown away that night.

Finally, we all felt we had been reborn. We had been so close to death our lives seemed new. We had been given a second chance.

Often since that night on the Bay of Bengal, when the pressures of life have brought strain and anxiety, when physical problems have made it difficult to understand the reason *why,* that wonderful experience has returned to me and brought the needed message to my heart. He who stilled waves for our boat that night is the same Lord today. He says to my soul, "Peace be still."

Mary H. Streeter, Warwick, R. I.

Write us briefly about a striking answer to prayer. If it is published you will receive $25. Submissions cannot be acknowledged but will be returned if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

time for people to publicly state their needs, for which I pray—and also to share with us answers they have received to such public prayer," says Campbell.

When Clarence Shrier tells people about Jesus Christ, and prays for them in His name, things happen.

Why do these "first century" parallels occur?

How did Shrier get this kind of relationship with the living God?

The evangelist welcomes opportunities to share that story.

He recalls that he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior in November 1938 when, as a tuberculosis patient, he lay listening to a gospel radio program in his home at Preston, Ontario, Canada.

But despite his new discovery of God's love for him, life, physically, was miserable in those days.

"As the disease, which had vigorously attacked both of my lungs, spread —and hemorrhage increased, I turned in desperation to the Bible for help and comfort," explains Shrier.

"My reading was directed to Psalms 103 and the third verse stood out as God's star of promise to me, 'Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases . . .'"

He read the verse to his wife. Suddenly, with an upsurge of faith, he declared:

"I am not going to die but I shall be healed." The conviction entered his heart then that one day he would preach.

In the eight and a half years that followed, several times Shrier was near death. But through the mists of suffering and weakness the promise, "Who healeth all thy diseases," shone with strong assurance.

His faith grew as he prepared for his life in health by studying the Bible.

In 1948 he was moved to the old Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at London, Ontario. There new X-rays revealed that tuberculosis was making rapid progress. When told this, Clarence Shrier cried to God for help.

Two weeks after entering the hospital he was returned to his home without the anticipated lung operation.

Shrier's faith grew. Examinations showed the tuberculosis to be retreating. Physicians decided, however, to collapse part of the left lung.

"Three weeks after the operation and while still in the hospital, God appeared to me at midnight in the midst of a great light," Shrier recalls. "A wonderful peace swept over me and I knew my Lord had finished the work which He had begun.

"Doctors said they could not understand my healing and released me from the hospital. After ten years in bed I now stood sound in body and able once again to face life."

'I picked up Brainard's diary again and began to read. In a moment's time it seemed as if heaven had opened...'

Shrier had promised God he would dedicate the remainder of his life to preaching the Gospel. But once released, he was torn between his promise to God and desire to make up to his family for hardships endured through the years of his invalidism.

The family won out and Shrier returned to the business world—knowing he was disobeying God. He was restless, miserable; tried to make up for his lack of obedience by supplying for ministers and witnessing when he had opportunity. He became president of the Christian Businessmen's Committee in Preston, and was active in Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Increasingly conscious that God had something more for him, he often preached on the work of the Holy Spirit, but knew nothing of the power of that Person in his life.

One night Shrier was scheduled to tell the story of his life at a CBMC banquet. His older son accompanied him. Jack Shrier had never heard his father tell how he had spent many of his younger years in riotous living, and the story made a deep impression on the young Christian.

Next morning young Jack protested, "Dad, you shouldn't be working for a living in business. You should be preaching the Gospel!"

Shrier became convinced that God had spoken through his son. He sent pamphlets which contained his testimony to ministers and Youth for Christ groups, requesting openings to preach and to tell his story.

He also asked God to send in two appointments in the next two weeks—if He wanted him to leave the business world.

The two requests came.

Shrier left his position as sales manager for Lucerne Food Products Ltd. of Ottawa. He and his wife sold their possessions—except their car—and in July 1951 set out to tell people what Jesus Christ will do for them.

He had begun to obey.

Then one afternoon while reading the diary of David Brainard, Shrier became restless. Not understanding the reason, he laid the diary aside and walked to the nearby waterfront, found a boat and rowed out on the Bay. But the peace he had enjoyed since first obeying God was gone.

"Returning to the room I was occupying at my friend's home, I picked up Brainard's diary again and began to read. In a moment's time it seemed as if heaven had opened, and for three and a half hours God poured in His Holy Spirit," reports Shrier.

It was at the next appointment at Arcade, N. Y. that Shrier discovered God was giving him a ministry of the Gospel of healing.

Eight years have passed since then. In them, Clarence Shrier—who for size and appearance would look well in a police uniform—has traveled widely as a licensed evangelist with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

As he speaks, people find that God is speaking to them. Seeking Jesus Christ, they find the longing and loneliness of their hearts satisfied, the diseases of their bodies healed. Some are filled with the Holy Spirit.

From ministers like Crunkilton, Patterson, Campbell and others—as well as dozens of laymen—comes this testimony in the wake of his meetings, ". . . the Lord working with [him], and confirming the word with signs following." (Mark 16:20) Ω

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presses roll on in violence-torn Congo

Bitter fighting forced most newspapers to halt publication; many missionaries to flee. But mission publishing continued despite obstacles.

by William A. Deans
Editor, *Neno la Imani*

VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS which followed Congo's acquisition of independence June 30 produced widespread panic and resulted in a population upheaval which effectively disrupted the normal life of the country.

Belgian government officials abandoned their posts, settlers and merchants deserted their plantations and places of business. Professional men, professors and technicians fled in great numbers to the safety of neighboring states, or to Europe. Even many missionaries, alarmed at the brutality of undisciplined troops and the threats to the safety of their families, evacuated to Uganda and Rhodesia or returned to the homelands.

Press services were suspended, printing plants closed, and newspapers and magazines for the most part discontinued publication.

With profound gratitude to God, however, we report that publishing at Editions Evangéliques, Nyankunde, continued without interruption.

For a time a skeleton staff of two missionaries directed the activities of the national employees—the editors, the office workers, the printers. Even in the days of bitter fighting between Belgian paratroopers and Congolese soldiers at Bunia 30 miles away, the presses continued to print the Christain magazines and other literature.

Neno la Imani, the illustrated

monthly magazine, issued for 16 years in the Congo Swahili language and *Litatoli*, published in the Bangala language for 13 years, met their deadlines and have never missed an issue in their history. The same is true of *Maelezo*, the Scripture Union Notes in Congo Swahili, giving commentaries on daily Scripture reading portions.

When the break-away province of Katanga refused mail service from the rest of the Congo, there was a delay of ten days in the post, but eventually even that issue got through to readers.

A distribution phenomenon maintained normal circulation of *Neno la Imani* and *Litatoli*.

The departure of so many missionaries who had cooperated in distribution would be expected to have produced a drop in circulation. Instead, the Lord compensated for this by prompting 82 Congolese in scattered parts of the country to write in since Independence Day, June 30, asking to be enrolled as vendors of *Neno*. They effectively assumed the distribution load laid down by departing missionaries. *Neno la Imani* and *Litatoli* got out into the hands of readers without interruption!

Advertising agencies cancelled all advertising in *Neno la Imani* due to the chaotic business conditions in the Congo. Their clients' sales outlets were disorganized. Many stores ceased to exist, and with import licenses unobtainable it has been impossible to replenish the rapidly dwindling stocks. Then, too, the appalling economic conditions have deprived the population of the money needed to buy advertised products.

Loss of all advertising has meant a serious reduction in revenue, obliging us to decrease the number of pages in *Neno la Imani* from 24 to 16. However, the textual column-inches for editorial and feature material have not been diminished.

Admittedly, production costs have soared, partly due to new legislation which imposed substantial pay advances for all employees. To endeavor to make ends meet, Editions Evangéliques discharged eight employees (some very valuable, as one of the linotype operators), while giving salary increases to the rest. This loss of manpower put a greater burden on the 17 Christian African employees who remain. (And on the missionary staff of four men and five single ladies also.)

Supplies have been difficult to obtain. Ten tons of paper en route from Belgium for five months are still blocked somewhere between our station and the West Coast.

Meanwhile, in the last few months, in collaboration with the Conservative Baptists, we have produced two booklets (100,000 of each) warning against Communism. *Neno la Imani* and *Litatoli* have carried pointed articles as well and we believe that these have had some part in forming the public opinion which has stiffened against the coming of the Communists to Congo. All of this in face of the fact that a medical team of seven Russian Communists was in Bunia for several weeks. In September while in Stanleyville visiting the Ministers of Health and Education, there were about 200 Russians in the city.

At one time in a restaurant there were 40 to 50 at nearby tables; it was quite an experience to rub shoulders with so many Communists. They were paying their bills in U. S. dollars. I saw 12 Russian military planes at the Stanleyville airport.

Clearly, Christian literature produced on the spot, preferably written by African authors, is the outstanding arm of missionary endeavor in the new Congo today. It can effectively combat the ambitions of Communism by leading Congolese, as yet unsullied by the doctrines of Marx, to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Christian literature in Congo tongues gives the greatest promise for the future for instructing believers in the truths of God's Word and stirring their hearts to warm devotion to their soon-coming Lord. Ω

Rifle-carrying troops vainly sought to restore order to Leopoldville last July.

UPI photo

Today's world crises demand professionally skilled leaders who have learned to relate their faith to the problems of human living.

WHO CARES WHAT YOU LEARN

by Milo A. Rediger
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WHAT IS Christian education? What is the purpose of its existence?

Does it do anything that ordinary education does not do? If so, what?

A few years ago a study was made to discover whether colleges of America are changing the value patterns and commitments of students. Philip E. Jacob, who conducted it, concluded that, in the main, this is not happening to any measurable extent.

He did state, however, that there are a few small colleges which seem to be exceptions to the general rule. He admitted he did not understand the implications of this but felt obligated to call attention to the exception.

For 17 years I have seen young men and women pass through a college in which spiritual values and academic excellence are equally emphasized. It is my conviction that the "exception" Jacobs noted is the truly effective Christian college.

The conviction exists because I have seen such changes take place. I have watched young persons, whose normal self-centeredness brought them to college seeking what they could get out of life, I have seen them, within the stream of higher education that is Christ-centered, find new purpose in living. They depart changed people.

Take, for example, one student who came to Taylor University in 1938 to play basketball. As he tells his story, "I had no church background or affiliation, and had attended Sunday school not more than a dozen times during my four years of high school. It was not a Christian college I was seeking; just a college education with a chance to play basketball . . ."

Before the end of his freshman year, however, the young man whose main goal in life was basketball met Jesus Christ. His whole perspective on life changed.

During the three years that followed, he not only became the college's star of the hardwood, but outstanding also in witnessing to others of the Person who had changed his life.

Since then, as a Christian coach, his influence has extended literally to the ends of the earth. Basketball became a means to an end, rather than the end itself.

He is Don J. Odle, director of athletics at Taylor University since 1947. His Venture for Victory program—a means of spreading the news of the Gospel through championship basketball—has reached into 20 countries of the world, and has presented Christ to more than two million people.

Changes like this—the kind of shifts in values and commitment for which all educators look but, as Jacob noted, few find—take place regularly within the climate of Christ-centered higher education.

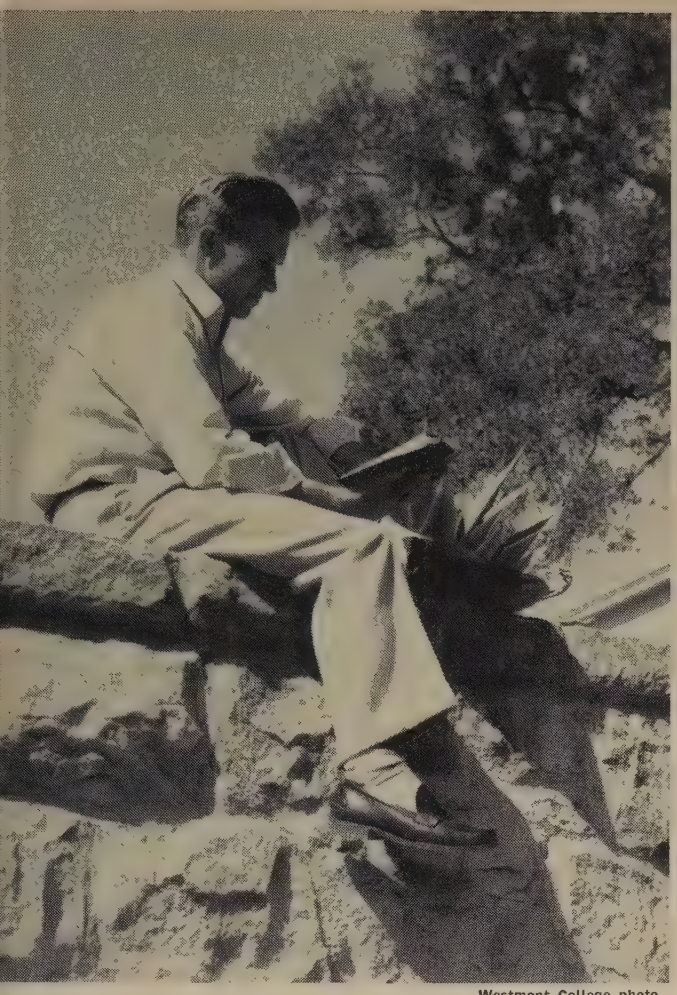
Why is this so?

Vocational education aims to train people to work fruitfully in society.

Professional education prepares them for various specialized services to individuals and groups in a larger society.

As background to both of these, education in the liberal arts should free a person from ignorance and equip him with tools that are essential to effective communication and constructive citizenship.

These are worthwhile goals.



'All truth is God's truth. The Christian does not fear it . . . Rather, he must learn to interpret it through his faith in Christ.'

Westmont College photo

But they are unreal and unattainable unless they are more than goals. They must spring from meaning in life. All knowledge must have an organizing focus.

Or, as someone put it, "If a man's knowledge is not in order, the more he has the greater will be his confusion."

The truth of this statement is readily observed on a college campus. This "organizing center" is not something which students normally bring with them to college.

True, many have a beginning provided by home and church training. But mainly such an experience of integration—the formation of a personal philosophy—takes place after the young person comes to college.

The personnel of the college, its philosophy and its climate, are all part of the shaping.

This is where the difference between the secular campus and the Christian campus comes in. On the secular campus there is no unifying philosophy that involves the personal commitment of every teacher.

Facts and theories do not shape the student's life nearly so much as his relationships with his teachers. It is the confidence he places in them—as examples of what is true—that molds his life. In these personal relationships he finds—or fails to find—the organizing center that makes his pursuit of education meaningful.

Some hear that in such circumstances education ceases to be discovery of the truth and becomes indoctrination.

It is not the purpose of the Christian college to indoctrinate.

Indoctrination is a process in which a teacher transmits his information, interpretations, prejudices, etc., to passive students who sit, listen, write what they hear, and attempt to return it in the same form on examinations—which are then converted into grades.

The Rev. Oliver Hsu, now with International Students, Inc., relates a dramatic illustration of this. Brought up in the Buddhist tradition, he one day counted as many as 300 idols at shrines and temples. Confused, he asked, "Who is my god?"

Replied the Buddhist priest, "That is a question you don't ask. All of these idols are your gods."

Hsu was only confused and frustrated. Later his questions did lead him to truth, and he became a Christian. But indoctrination always leads to frustration.

Education, on the other hand, is an adventure in learning. Some feel this adventure is limited if approached through a Christian framework.

On the contrary, Christians seeking to know what is true must be as honest in their research and study as any secular researcher is. All truth is God's truth. The Christian does not fear it, nor where it will lead him.

Rather, he must learn to interpret it through the anchor of his faith in Christ.

This is the meaning of Christ-centered education in the classroom.

Outside the classroom, in everyday living, the Christian school is still unique. Here again, the check point is conscious Christian experience. Extension of an honor system into various areas of campus living implements this.

On any college campus where the students are willing to accept reasonable levels of adult responsibility and are willing to assume the obligations as well as the privileges of becoming independent, an honor system is possible. But on the campus of the Christian school, where personal Christian commitment and all that it means in terms of consideration for others is emphasized and nurtured, the real meaning of citizenship becomes obvious. A vital experience becomes a vital behavior control.

Why is Christian education necessary today? What relevance does it have to desperate world problems in 1961?

It is the admission of many who have tried them that other methods have failed. Like Jacobs, some have recognized that there are exceptions to the failure.

The problems of human life and living are resolved when Christ is drawn into the picture. Only He changes lives. And only changed lives are capable of the responsible citizenship which today's crises demand.

The issues of segregation and the liquor traffic must be resolved in the classroom where Christ is central. Nuclear power is safe only in the hands of those whose natural drives to power are controled by their fear of God and their regard for His laws. Materialism, greed and selfishness are dispelled only by His love.

There is a crying need for the liberally trained person who has equal status educationally with any college-trained individual, but who has the plus of relationship to Christ and Christian education. His is the voice that is needed to bring the influence of Christianity to bear upon the critical problems of our time. Ω

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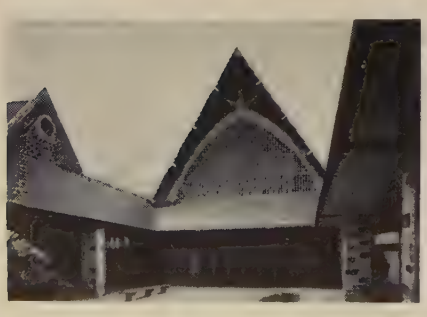

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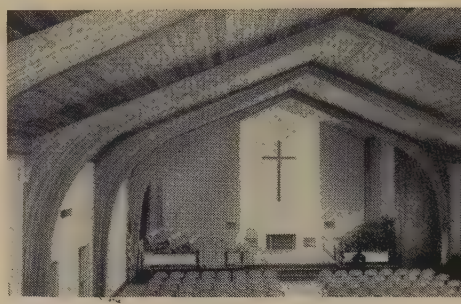

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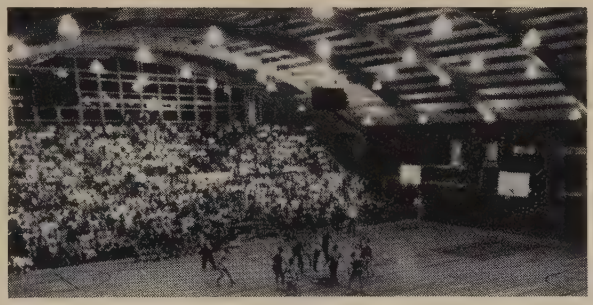

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THE ROMANCE OF COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT

WHAT HAPPENS when a good but virtually unknown junior college suddenly decides to go big time?

This was the question asked by a group of trustees and faculty advisors at Spring Arbor (Mich.) Junior College when they conferred early in 1960.

Today—only a few months later—this little group knows some of the answers. So does its denominational sponsoring group (Free Methodist). And so do a growing number of Christians of all denominations in various parts of the United States.

Thus, this month CHRISTIAN LIFE presents the early steps in a burgeoning program for expanded service on the part of Spring Arbor College.

Drama of the Program

Respect for people and their needs lies at the foundation of Spring Arbor's recent progress.

BUILDINGS and teaching plans share objectives at Spring Arbor (Mich.) College.

When future historians unravel the school's milestones, the afternoon of March 14, 1960, will undoubtedly be one of them. Out of it came a clear statement of educational goals that would shape not only Spring Arbor's teaching goals, but long-range campus planning for a decade of development.

Believing understanding between those who would be using future buildings and those who would be planning them to be essential, authorities called this informal discussion and idea session. The school's full faculty, staff and administration, and its architects—H. E. Beyster & Associates—were invited.

Plainly this circumvented many problems that might otherwise have blocked progress—because it permitted clear statement of need. Even more important was the agreement the teaching and administrating staff discovered it possessed in regard to educational policy and direction.

It became obvious that Spring Arbor would make its contribution as a liberal arts college, not as a result of facilities with which it was saddled, but because of the way its people understood what they wanted to do.

Emphasis in Michigan's Christian liberal arts college is not upon social or physical science or upon physical education. These are important ingredients in "quality education—thoroughly Christian." Rather, the diversified faculty, representing varieties of specialization, found itself one in spirit, agreeing that Spring Arbor's focus should be the training of future teachers—through its education curriculum—and the broadening of individuals—through study of the humanities.

Thus, Beyster and Associates, instead of simply drawing up classroom space, laid out two buildings designed to serve the latter specific areas.

Another significant point of agreement that afternoon was method of communicating knowledge. Together, the faculty would veer from one-textbook-oriented courses, seek to guide students in a broad pattern of research in which a library would become a focal point of learning. Today blueprints give priority to a separate, well-equipped library building.

Projected campus layout moves on a diagonal line from its existing quadrangle (southeast) of classroom and residence buildings, through a second quadrangle to a third square of development (northwest).

After erection of the all-important library completes dimensions of the stately "Old Quad," construction will begin in the second. or Academic Quad. Here, two-story contemporary structures are planned for a student center, the education building, and the bloc that will house the humanities.

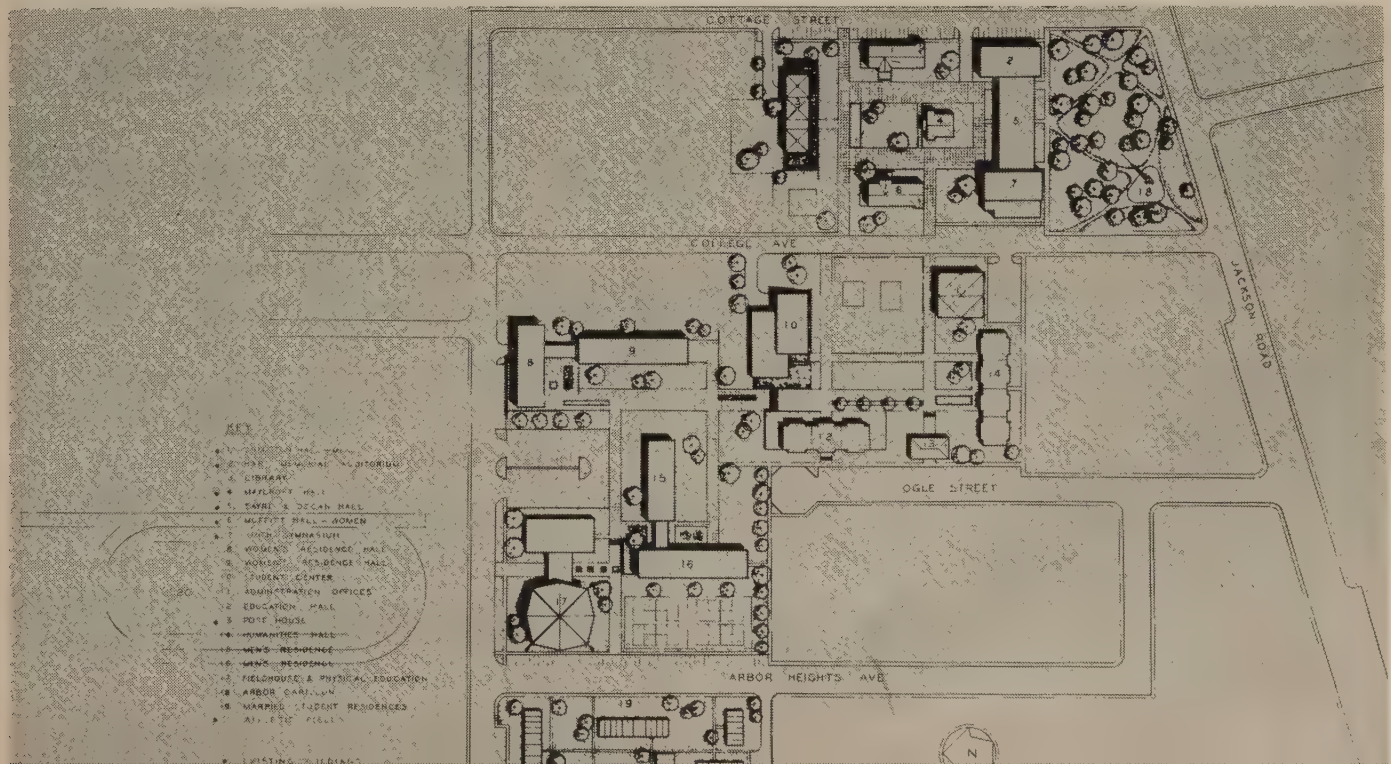
Third, or Residence Area, is slated for men's and women's dormitories, plus a modern field house for physical education. (For detail on building design and financing, see articles following.)

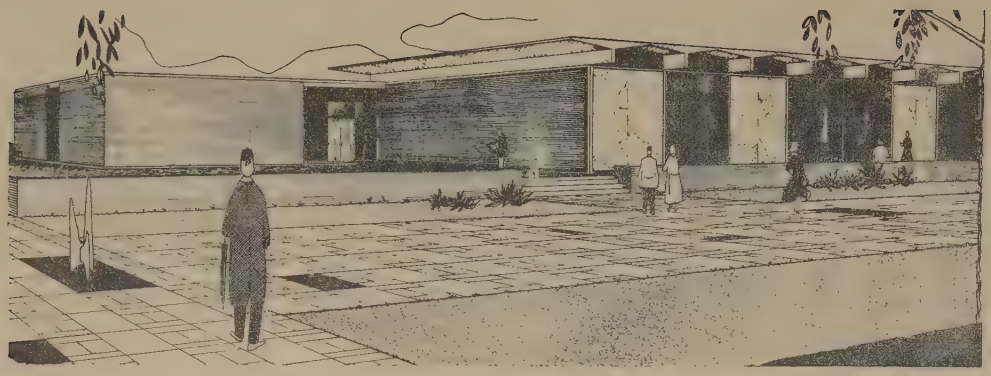
Added wings to the axis pattern will be the campus-community Free Methodist Church scheduled for erection this year directly East of the Old Quad. And just north of the planned field house lies the school athletic field.

As General Manager C. H. Haberkorn of Beyster & Associates summarized the scene, ". . . the design of the 'new' Spring Arbor College is one which recognizes the contribution of the past and calls out the hope of the future."

In light of the school's 88-year history, and its projected quadrupling within the next decade—to say nothing of its clearly-defined goals of Christian education—undoubtedly architect Haberkorn spoke the truth. Ω

Development will proceed from the present Old Quad (upr. r.) through the center Quad to the Residence Area on the northeast campus.





The visualized library (r) and student center (above) are among the first buildings planned for erection. Tie-in with existing buildings is planned with red brick.

Buildings Up and In Process

What new dormitory will I live in when I get to Spring Arbor? This, likely, is the line of thought beginning to flow through the minds of many high school students of Free Methodist extraction now residing in southern Michigan, northern Ohio and northern Indiana. Their thoughts have been turned increasingly to their own church school lately—Spring Arbor College—in the community of Spring Arbor, Mich., nine miles south of Jackson.

New buildings by the two's and three's are expected to begin rising on the 35-acre campus this year. Within the 1960's a total of 11 new buildings is envisioned in a $2 million Decade of Development program. These will be laid-out in three quadrangle arrangements connecting them diagonally.

For the high school students now looking toward Spring Arbor, two new women's residences, two new men's residences and one married students' residence are planned as part of the development.

Construction bids will be requested this month, according to President R. Smith and Development Director C. Williams, for a unique building immediately adjacent to the campus. This is a college-community church estimated at $220,000 which will initiate this ambitious development program. Design for the church is circular.

Following that, Williams indicated, a library will go up. Next comes a student center. After this additional classroom facilities, residences, offices and fieldhouse.

The goal, Williams outlined, will be to handle a student enrolment of 800-1,000 by 1970.

The library building, as visualized by the director, takes priority; will become a major key in senior college curriculum development. Features will include stacks for 50,000 volumes, an audio-visual laboratory, special listening room for music and language students and a lecture amphitheatre.

Design for the student center, Williams explained, will be a bit more modern than the library building. Yet it will blend with existing campus buildings, largely through use of the same type of red brick. This will include dining facilities, recreation rooms, snack bar, bookstore and student government offices.

Behind this whole new outlook on building lies a changing concept for the school at Spring Arbor. The entire program both in academic perspective and buildings is switching from academy and junior college level to a full-fledged, accredited senior college.

Older buildings will be converted for classrooms or other uses or dismantled as the development progresses.

Since World War II, six building units or annexes have been constructed to add to or replace still older buildings of the 88-year-old institution.

Of special interest here is the effort made to provide faculty office space—often considered at a premium on small college campuses. In 1957, a faculty office annex of 100 x 30 ft. and costing $22,000 was erected adjacent to Smith gymnasium. Sixteen faculty members were given office space there for study and counseling.

Eleven new buildings are planned and in process of being erected on Spring Arbor College campus during the decade of the 1960's.

The annex also completed a row of structures now referred to as "the famed front wall" of the campus and destined as a local landmark.

In 1959, a quarter-mile track with a 220-yard straightaway was built for $7,800, an astonishingly low figure. Estimates from other similar projects ran between $12,000-$25,000. The coach, campus business manager and student help performed this feat. Feature of the track, Williams noted, is its final topping of two inches of red crushed tile combined with clay. A ratio of 2½ parts crushed tile to 1 part clay forms the composition.

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At the gateway to 1961 and the remaining years of the '60's, Spring Arbor has a big building program to fulfill. Constituent member high school students hoping to attend college have an increasingly attractive campus to compel them. Christian higher education is becoming more appealing. Ω

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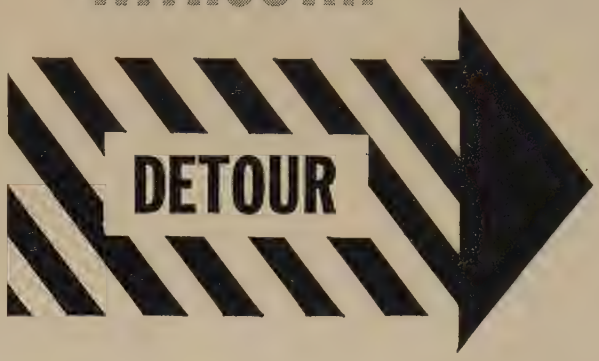

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The exception, he explained, would be an anticipated long-term, low-interest government loan to be negotiated for dormitory housing.

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The "famed wall on the campus" now is comprised of these five buildings erected 1930-57. This becomes the "old quadrangle" in new campus.

Growth

students are enroled now) in the full-fledged liberal arts school in ten years.

Second, the over-all campus physical development is budgeted at the rate of $150,000 a year. Altogether $225,000 is needed each year in additional gifts to meet increased operational requirements, capital improvements and build up faculty salaries, Williams made clear. A total annual budget of $500,000 is called for.

Through the years, members and churches of five area conferences of the Free Methodist Church have been largely responsible for supporting Spring Arbor. Last spring, alumni of the school were tapped in the first full-scale effort to shoulder their burden in the Decade of Development. Now plans are underway to approach the business community and various foundations for special gifts toward capital improvements, Williams related.

The administrative cabinet of the school explored the possibility of using professional fund-raising assistance to help with capital expansion but decided against it, according to Williams. The reason, he declared, was cost and the extended work still left to administrative personnel.

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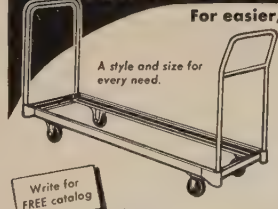

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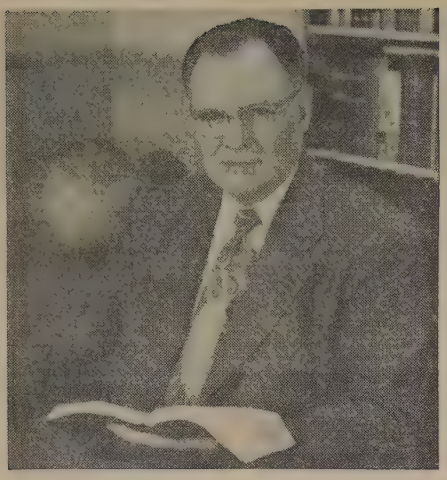

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During my freshman year, as I heard missionaries speak, I began to be impressed with the tremendous needs they all talked about and the burdens they had for the lands and peoples to which God had called them. Looking back, I can see how the Holy Spirit was softening my heart.

At the beginning of my second year, I began to attend the Foreign Missionary Fellowship prayer groups held every morning from 7:30 to 8. I went two or three times a week. As I began to pray for the different missionaries and hear of their needs and the tremendous opportunities all over the world, I began to see that foreign missionaries were not like I thought.

I have come to realize that what we have or don't have physically is not important. That when God thrusts forth His servants into His harvest field He fully equips them, physically, emotionally, mentally and especially spiritually, to do the job He has for them.

Although God has not placed upon my heart any definite field, He *has* placed there a burning desire to see lost Americans, lost Africans, South Americans, Europeans, Asians—lost people all over the world—come to Christ to have their burden of sin lifted and to have the peace, joy and real happiness only Christ can give.

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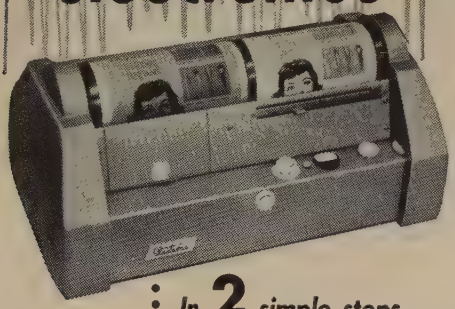

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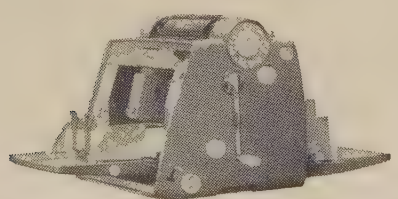

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Evangelical Church design spectacle is set for NAE Grand Rapids Conclave in April.

A brand new opportunity opens this month to designers of churches with evangelical emphasis. They are invited to begin selecting and preparing samples of their church design work now for public display and possible award in April.

The fourth annual Church Plan Awards competition is being announced by its co-sponsoring agencies—the National Association of Evangelicals and CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine.

Again, this year design displays will be a featured part of the 19th Annual NAE Convention to be held in the Pantlind Hotel and Civic Auditorium at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 11-14.

Started in Chicago in 1958, Church Plan Awards has always elicited a lively interest by delegates and visitors to the annual NAE conventions. It has served as a medium of exchange and refining of ideas in the area of evangelical church design. It has offered to them a place and time to view top designs and become acquainted with designers names.

For designers, it has meant placing selected problem-solving commissions to the test and analysis of a judging team astute with a combined evangelical practical approach plus professional architectural talent.

Conversations thus generated by this focus on church design have quickened the entire evangelical church design field, it is frequently reported.

Designers are urged to begin making their selections early this year and preparing them for this spectacular exhibit.

For more information write to: Church Plan Awards, CHRISTIAN LIFE, 33 South Wacker Drive., Chicago 6.

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1. Contest open to designers of Protestant churches with evangelical emphasis.
2. Entries must be delivered to the National Association of Evangelicals Convention, c/o Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich., not later than April 7, 1961.
3. All entries are to be submitted on illustration board or similar material approximately 20 x 30 inches and shall be comprised of basic floor plans, a photograph or perspective drawing, a section showing the basic materials and framing plan and a brief description of the building. Photographs are encouraged. Models are also desirable but are not necessary.
4. Any number may be submitted by each contestant.
5. Buildings submitted will be judged in one of four categories:
   a. First unit. Master planning and development, including site plan and general statement regarding locality.
   b. Complete church with seating capacity up to 300. Plans must represent an actual commission by the congregation. Site plans of reasonable scale including interior and exterior drawings and/or photographs.
   c. Complete church with seating capacity of more than 300. Other conditions the same.
   d. Remodel construction. Additions and/or alterations to existing building.
6. Awarded entries only will be retained for one year by the National Association of Evangelicals and CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine for use in church design seminars, conferences, etc.
7. Judging will be based upon:
   a. General adaptability to the needs of an evangelical church.
   b. Attractiveness to the parishioners and to the community in which the church is or will be situated.
   c. Educational facilities and usefulness.
   d. Economy of construction.
   e. Effective use of new materials or unique use of old materials.
   f. Adaptability for expansion.
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■ *Is it practical to use the same facilities both for Sunday school and Christian day school?*

A Christian day school has somewhat different requirements than a Sunday school. Yet I believe that it is practical—and almost mandatory from a space saving point of view—for a church which operates its own parochial school program to design space that doubles for Sunday and weekday purposes.

A day school means large classrooms (figure on 25-30 sq. ft. per pupil). This does not lend itself to a small classroom often desired for Sunday school use. However, day school classrooms compare in size to the Sunday school department area. These can be sub-divided by movable drapes or screens into smaller areas for classes. This should not in any way mitigate against their use during the week as a day school.

■ *Are gymnasium facilities necessary for day school operation?*

The answer must vary according to the age of the pupils in your school. Some day schools only go through the third and fourth grades. If you have students through the full range of eight grades and also include some high school students, then some sort of recreational facilities are desirable. Likely, it will be required.

I believe many Christian day schools are operating without the use of a full gymnasium program. The feasibility of constructing such a unit in connection with a day school may seem more acceptable, if the space can also double for other purposes, too.

For example, I recall plans for buildings of the First Baptist Church in Danville, Ill. There they have not planned a gymnasium, but instead have designed a large all-purpose room. This will serve for recreation purposes as well as cafeteria, kindergartern department of the school and fellowship room for church functions.

There are different sizes of gymnasiums. It is not necessary to have a full-size high school playing floor to be adequate for day school needs.

Also, there are many ways to hold down the cost of social buildings. One is by dropping the floor into the ground 3-3½ ft. and utilizing the structure below grade—space normally required for footings in most areas. I believe that wood laminated construction is by far the most advantageous and economical approach to this type of building.

■ *Is it necessary for school facilities to be on one floor level?*

Public school codes in most states do not permit the use of below-grade level for general school room use. However, in most cases the same requirements do not necessarily hold for parochial schools. In no case does it seem advisable to put a school deep in the ground. A half-basement arrangement with space above grade for windows appears to be an economical and proper approach.

As far as a multiple-story building, it is quite common in schools to have two or even three floors. Multiple story construction is considerably less expensive than a "spreadout" one level building. Admittedly, however, the ultimate in school construction is to have everything on one level.

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■ *Our Sunday school averages about 340 in attendance. We have at this time only 19 classes. How many classes and departments should a Sunday school of this size have?*

There is a rule of thumb often used indicating that a Sunday school will level off at a ratio of 1-10 (one class for every ten pupils enroled).

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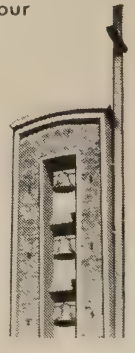

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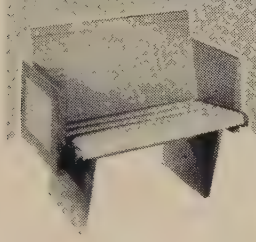

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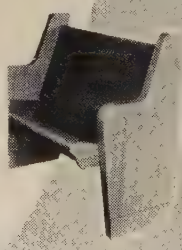

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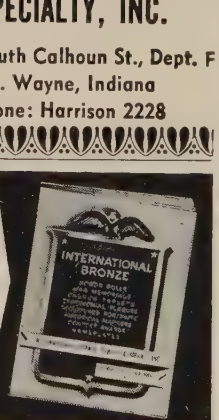

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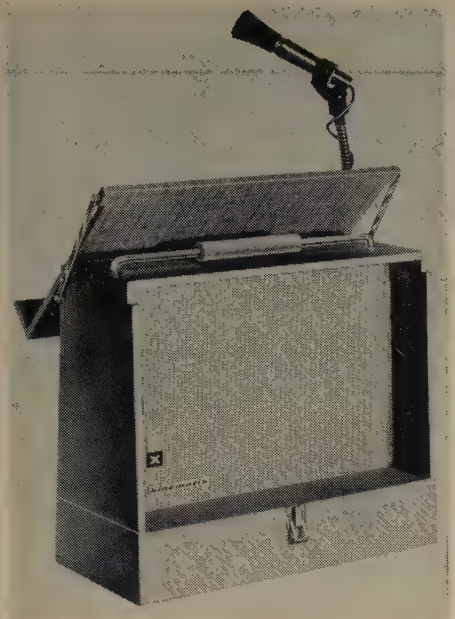

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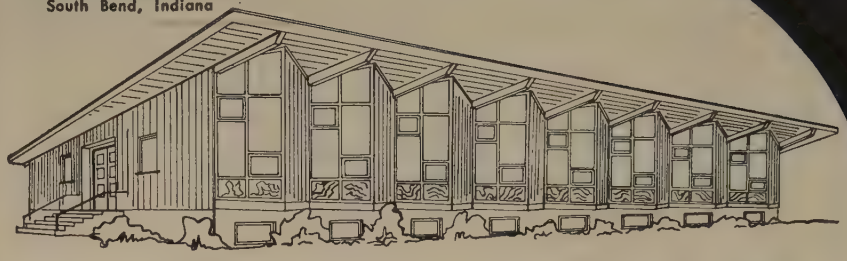

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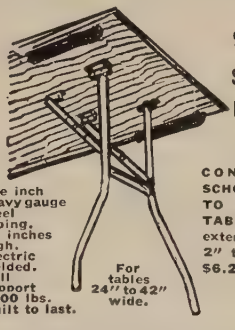

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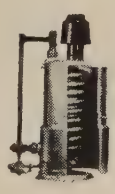

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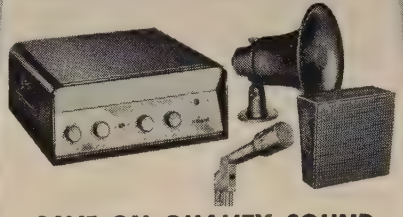

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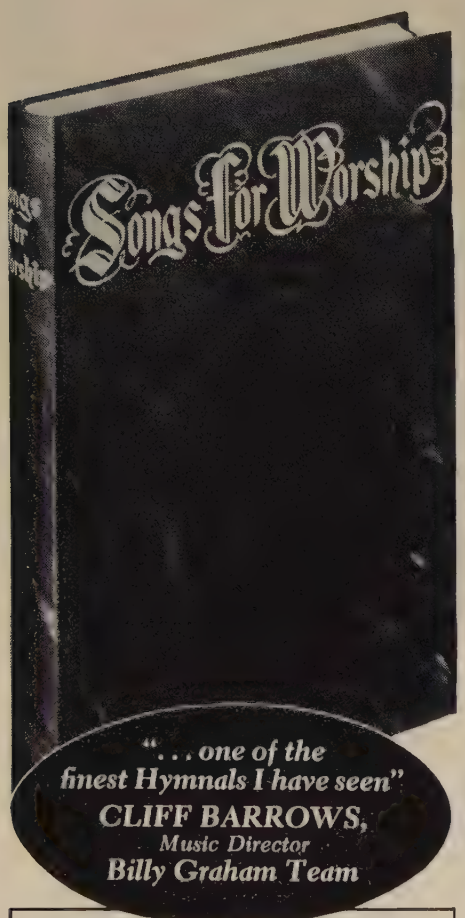

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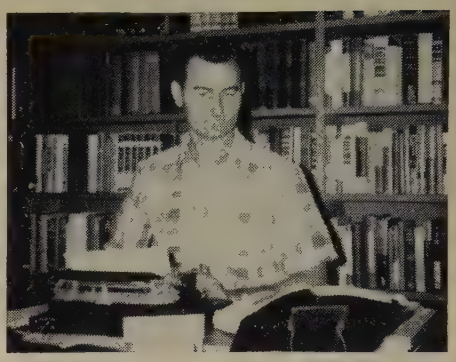

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Help for Teens

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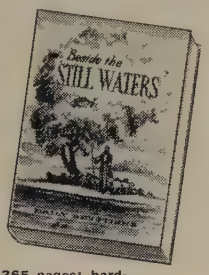

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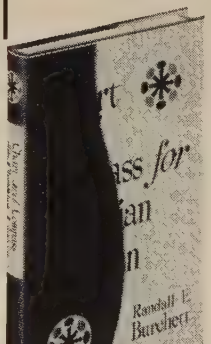

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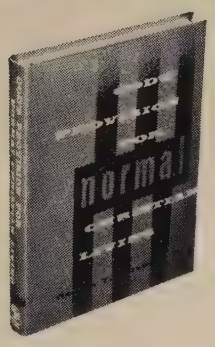

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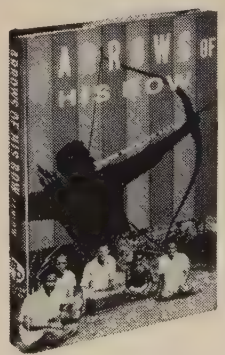

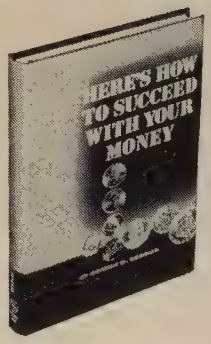

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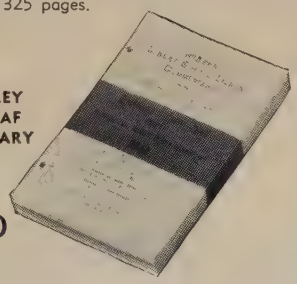

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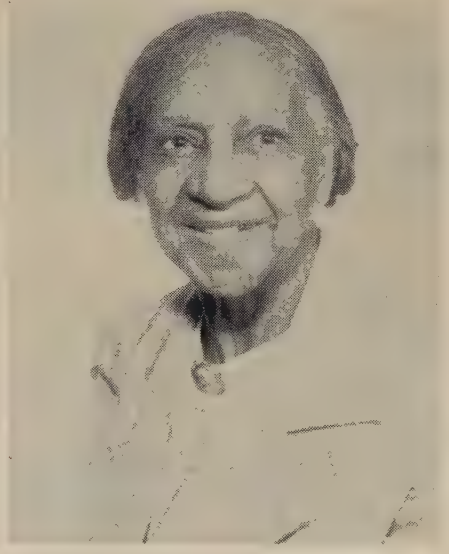

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Christ will help ... part is to read and study His ... (Deut. 17:19; Isaiah 34:16; John 5:39; Acts 17:11; Rom. 15:4). His Word must be hid in our hearts if we are to be kept from sin (Deuteronomy 6:6; 11:18; Psalm 119:11; Romans 10:8; Colossians 3:16). Further, He commands that we obey Him (Matt. 7:21; 12:50; Luke 6:47; John 13:17; Rom. 2:13; James 1:22; 4:11; Revelation 22:14).

... as teachers

2. Each lesson includes clear aims, wealth of Scripture background.

●CLASS TIME

FELLOWSHIP

The strangeness of a new depart- ... teacher and new sur- ... pils a bit

PRAYER

Let the class pray with you today the words of Psalm 119:18.

Open Thou mine ... behold ...

REVIEW

Use the "Do You Know" section for Lesson 2 in the pupil's book as a means of reviewing that lesson.

3. Start your class period right, with fellowship, prayer, review.

POINT OF CONTACT

One day Jack called to his friends who were playing across the street, "Today is my birthday and my Uncle Will just gave me a whole library. Do you want to see it?"

Jack took them into the house and pointed to a beautiful black leather Book with gold edges. His friends recognized it as a Bible. "That's fine, but where's the rest of the library?" Joe asked, looking around the room.

"This is all of it," Jack told him. "Uncle Will says that this Book is a whole library. It has sixty-six books in it. They tell about great ... and

4. Start your lesson right with an interesting point of contact.

BIBLE LESSON

IN THE BEGINNING

Open your Bibles to the very first chapter and the first verse. Let's read it together. *In the beginning God created* [made] *the heaven and the earth.* The most important part of this verse is the first four words. Let us say them together. *In the beginning God.* The Bible begins by giving God His rightful place. God never began!

It is hard to think of anything or anyone who never began. That is because everything that we see started at ... God never

5. The right words help make the Bible story interesting and clear.

... the chapters into verses.

Most Bibles have a page in the front which lists the names of all the books of the Bible in order and gives the page on which each book begins. Find this page in your Bible. How many books are in the Old Testament? (Let the class count them. Do not tell them something which they can discover for themselves.) Yes, thirty-nine.

... guage, the German people in the German language, the Japanese people in the Japanese language, etc. (Have pupils name other nationalities and languages.)

6. You are shown ways to encourage student participation in class.

VISUAL AIDS

Bring a board, hammer and nails to class for object lesson.

Visual Teaching Kit (see page 2)

Have flaming ... sword 29 ready ... add to the ... *den of Eden Cherubims* [angels], *and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life* (Genesis 3:24). (Add flaming ... sword to map.)

Sin Leaves Its Mark

(Show board, hammer and nails.) ... named

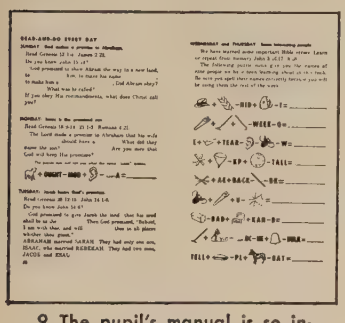
7. You receive practical suggestions on visualizing the lesson.

... is our guide; He shows us the way we should go. He does even better than that, for He says, *I am the way* (John 14:6).

We said that light shows the things around us. Christ does that, too. He helps us to know God's will and to see the way in which we should go in order to please God. Our Key Verse tells us that when we follow Christ we shall not walk in darkness.

Light helps us to grow. Christ does that for us. As we follow Him and come to know Him better, we grow up as Christians.

8. Bible truths are applied to the student's Christian faith and life.



9. The pupil's manual is so interesting, he'll want to do his lesson.

MEMORY WORK

Key Verse

JOHN 1:3

This week's Key Verse teaches us ... "

MEMORY COURSE

Review

BOOKS OF LAW
BOOKS OF HISTORY

Award the "sapphire" ...

Advance

BOOKS OF POETRY

Today drill on the five books of Poetry, naming them on your fingers.

10. You'll help him "store up treasure" by memorizing God's Word.

SUMMING UP

(Use the "Do You Know" section for Lesson 7 in the pupil's book to summarize today's lesson. As you ask each question, have pupils look up the answers in their Bibles.)

ASSIGNMENT

Check and see if your pupils have completed the work for Lesson 7. Award a sticker for each completed lesson.

Assign Lesson 8. Point out the secret code on page 23 of the pupil's book and be sure that each pupil re- ... to attempt

11. Here's help in "summing up" this lesson and assigning the next.

PLANNING AHEAD

Visit the home of each pupil within the next two weeks. Become acquainted with the parents and explain the pupil's book and memory work.

Be looking for pictures and a fish or turtle for next week's lesson. Ask some junior boys to find a bird's nest for you. (See "Visual Aids," ... page if ...

Cut out magazine pictures of large and small boats and a steamship. Mount on construction paper.

Contact absentees.

12. You'll find your relationship with the pupil's home strengthened.

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Hi! A Sunday School teacher told me recently she was thinking of giving up her class. Seems her teenage class just wouldn't participate. She was really discouraged. (I could sympathize with her as I remembered *my* early Sunday School teaching experiences.)

I asked her if the church had a filmstrip projector and she replied, "Yes, but it isn't used much, and besides we haven't any teenage filmstrips."

I wrote down a title of a new filmstrip kit – made especially for teenagers and recommended that she preview them.

Well, she did, and started using them in her class – several weeks later.

The results? The class really came to life with some wonderful discussions and all joining in!

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Sunday Schools on Review

● NORMAN TOWNSEND, Sunday school consultant, chats with Rev. Gordon Cathey, Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor in White Plains, N. Y.

Big Need of Sunday Schools Is More Space!

IT SEEMS that everywhere I go these days—from Boston, Mass., to Brentwood, Mo.—Sunday schools are in the midst of building additions to present structures, renovating old ones or erecting new units. Some are elaborate buildings; some are merely extra rooms "tacked on."

But results are amazing: In Tarrytown, N. Y., a cluttered fire-trap in the basement has been remodeled into beautiful airy classrooms. . . . In Waterville, Me., a heat-consuming high ceiling now houses the second floor of an expanded Junior department. . . . Near St. Louis, a church built by five families now houses a Sunday school of more than 200. . . . Budget-minded Christians in Massachusetts, with more vision than cash, are happy with their "Pioneer" CHRISTIAN LIFE combination chapel-parsonage-Christian education building.

I've seen classes meeting in fire halls, neighborhood garages (temporarily vacated for the purpose), in school buses, tents, up in belfries, behind furnaces, in choir lofts, under trees on the lawn, in private cars. The cry everywhere is: We need more space!

If you find your school in this predictment, I hope you will read carefully the suggestions made in the Building and Equipment section of CHRISTIAN LIFE and will consult workshop notes of the National Sunday School Association before hurrying into some "panic" program. Much time, money and energy can be saved by careful and prayerful planning.

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Later the pictures are presented to the parents and the children are enrolled in the Nursery department.

How To Recruit Workers

RECRUITING WORKERS and developing leaders are high on the list of needs in most Sunday schools. In recent conversations, I have heard many good suggestions.

Three times a year, one church distributes a "P and R Sheet" (for Privilege and Responsibility) to every one—high school age and over. On it are listed various categories: Sunday school workers, youth, missions, public relations, music, miscellaneous. Under Sunday school are listed such job opportunities as teacher, helper, pianist, secretary, visitor, transportation, etc.

Individuals are invited to check the jobs in which they are interested. Then they are invited to attend a series of training sessions in the category they have chosen. Very practical and quite successful.

Certainly we need to recognize that the recruiting of workers and the developing of leadership is one of our most important responsibilities. On my list it is right up there next to evangelizing the lost in the community. In fact, we'll do a better job of that if we recruit and train others for the job!

After you finish reading Ex. 18:13-23, turn to Prov. 11:14 and 15:22.

Teaching Aids

Here are listings of newest materials for • Handcraft • Children's Books • Party plans • Visual aids • Missionary materials • Leader's helps • Youth programs • Activity projects • Lesson helps.

Books for Children

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BILLY LOST HIS SMILE: Billy could not smile. He was unhappy, and he knew why. He had been naughty. He knew he should ask both Mother and God to forgive him. After Sunday dinner, Father read the Bible and Billy prayed—and found his smile.

SIGHTS THAT JESUS SAW; David C. Cook; 32 pages; 6¾ x 10 inches; paper covers; $.60.

Brief text and colorful drawings show customs and manners in Jesus' day. Helps children or adults understand meanings of Bible stories. Good back-ground material for young Bible students.

Leaders' and Teachers' Materials

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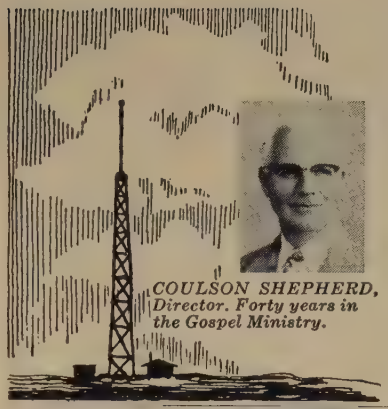
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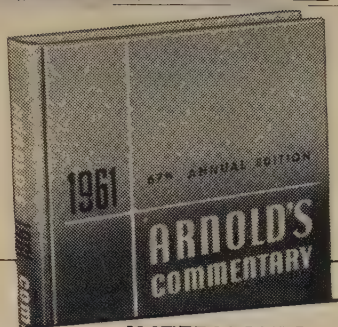

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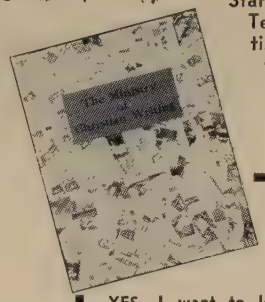

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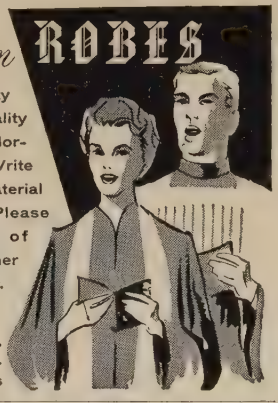

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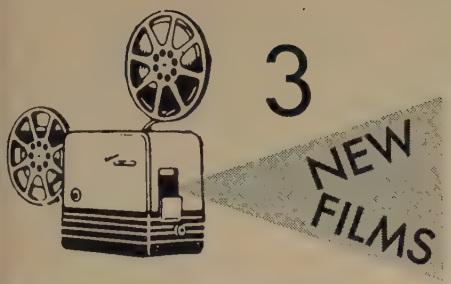

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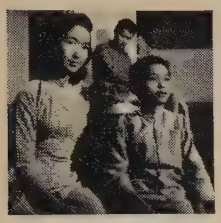

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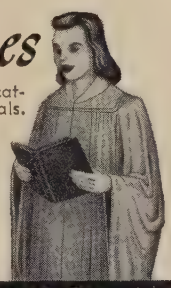

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foot parasites. And somehow I find myself quite able to live with them. The sun still rises and sets."

"But the moon isn't quite the same." I la-de-dah'd my way to the sink to avoid her reproving glance. "Yes, I know the Lord loves the single blessings. But, young lady, some of us could have been married drudges if we hadn't been so independent."

I refused to let her see my eyes. "Now I'm raising cats, which may be easier, but kittens will never call me grandma."

"I haven't tossed in a permanent membership yet, Auntie, but I'm through looking."

"The way you look with your pug and those black rimmed glasses, the boys are, too. Couldn't you get a pink pair with some sparkles."

"Oh, Aggie. You're a doll. But when the right one comes along, I'll recognize him."

"Yes, but will he recognize you?" I decided I'd said enough for one breakfast.

"Holly, have you noticed a light in Geranium's attic lately?" (Geranium was my best friend and neighbor, who rented rooms to young men.)

"It's been on almost every night. Can't imagine *why* unless she's having mouse trouble again. Maybe I should offer Tobias W. Oppenheimer."

"Yes. I've been meaning to mention it. Must be a ghost. All three-story houses have one, you know. Well, I must hurtle, dear one. If you're so concerned about my plight, you might pray. After all, He *is* the God of all details, concerned with the sparrows and all spinster nurses."

Holly paused in her departing flutter. "Just make sure you don't lend a helping hand. I'm much too busy to become involved. I've had thrilling chances to witness. The Lord Jesus has become the *most* important! Who wants a man to upset things?" With an appropriate melody she scampered up the stairs.

That afternoon with Tobias W. Oppenheimer under my arm I called on Geranium: "Yoo hoo! It's Aggie with the answer to your attic problem."

A red towel hugged her wet head as she opened the door. "Not another cat, Aggie!"

I followed Geranium's stout trudges into the kitchen. "I know, but Holly begged for this one. He'll be a good mouser. Would you like him upstairs?"

"I've got enough boys up there now. And there's one—that big critter with the beard—that's real handy and so good natured. Goes to the seminary."

"I think I know who you mean. My storm windows should be put on. Do you think Mr. Thistle-throat—that's

what Holly calls him—would?"

"His name is Judd Sanford, and he's as nice as strawberry preserves! You tell that young one with the knot on her noggin' and that snooty look . . ."

"Really, Geranium! I meant no insult. I always see him in our row at church. But the beard is a little unusual." I picked up Tobias and headed for the door. "Ask him about the storms. If you want the cat—"

"Sorry I seemed peeved, Aggie. I'll tell him about the storms. I don't have any mice now; course I haven't been up in the attic for weeks."

Puzzled, I opened my mouth and then closed it. With a smile and a wave I left.

Before setting off the alarm Holly and I would wait another night for the ghost in Geranium's garret.

That evening as my niece and I started down the walk for the midweek prayer service a tall shadow emerged from the arborvitae.

"Oh no!" muttered Holly.

"Oh yes!" retorted the bearded surprise. "Good evening, ladies. Mind if I take the same bus?"

"We appreciate your company, Mr. Sanford," I said.

"How long have you been lurking in the trees?" demanded my niece.

"Let's say my timing was accurate tonight." He seemed well stocked with rebuttals. "Say, your aunt is real nice. What happened to you?"

"I'm allergic to all men in general, bearded ones in particular." Holly sniffed expertly. It was quite obvious these two had met before.

Upon my invitation and Holly's indignation, Judd Sanford accompanied us home also. I had been tremendously impressed by the missionary speaker. As I explained to Judd: "I never realized that there are so many tribes without the good news of our Savior. We get too involved in everyday living. Imagine, not even a written language for the missionary to learn! My, if I were young again—"

I found my eyes embarrassingly moist. "I promised the Lord to be a real intercessor instead of a chronic beggar for Agatha Turnby's wants. You had quite a talk with him, Judd—"

"Yes. He interviewed me last summer. God willing, I'll be in Peru soon with that tribe we saw pictured tonight. It's only reasonable to offer my life for the privilege of reaching someone who's never heard. Almost illogical to dream of a pulpit here when so many there have waited so long—too long." His voice became grim as did his brown eyes brushing Holly's stone face. "Any conclusions?"

"None that I'd tell you, Mr. Sanford." Her voice had lost its spice. Apparently the real struggle had just begun.

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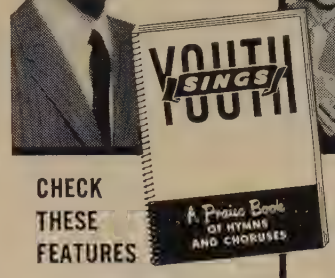

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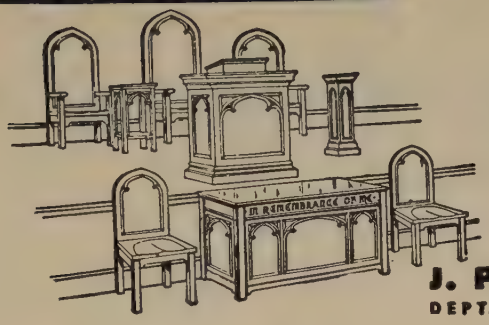

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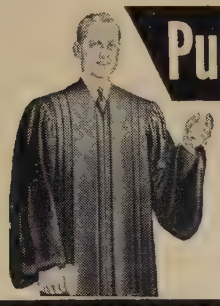

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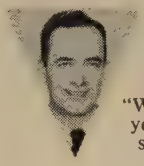

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"Aggie! A man—"

"You're fully clothed." Pulling up the shade, I gave the window a lurch and unhooked the screen. "It's Mr. Sanford to put on the storms." I smiled at the baffled youth. "She thought you were coming in."

"Not on your life. She frightens me."

"Well, what do you think you did to me, Mr. Thistle-throat?" She crossed her arms in a practiced huff. "I'm still shaking."

"So is my ladder."

"Careful on that ladder. It's an antique." I poked my head out the window. "If you should fall—"

"I'm a nurse. I could apply a tourniquet around his neck."

I gazed disapprovingly. "Why Holly Turnby! He's a sweet young man and going to the mission field!"

Our Mr. Thistle-throat appeared with the storm window. "Tell Miss Knot-neck not to demand a spectacular call to *Go* unless she demands the same to *Stay*." He disappeared.

"You had that title coming, Holly." I fastened the storm window. "Calling him Mr. Thistle-throat. You have your whole life ahead of you. Spend it on something eternal like I didn't."

Before leaving I added, "You'll have to help Judd by unhooking the rest of the screens. I'm sure I smell something burning on the stove."

Around 8:15 that evening Holly came leaping into the living room. "Aunt Aggie! Look up—there! The ghost in Geranium's garret!"

I rushed for my wraps. "This calls for investigation. Maybe Mr. Sanford —"

"Mr. Thistle-throat and I are not compatible. He delivered all the sermons I care to hear through eight windows before supper. But I can't resist an unsolved mystery." She shrugged into her car coat.

"There's more than one unsolved mystery going on around here." I followed Holly out the back door, scooping up the pleading Tobias.

In Geranium's spice-spruced kitchen we expounded: "We've both seen it, and almost every night. Perhaps Mr. Sanford would help us."

"Ghosts! Oh, Aggie. And I've lived here for 34 years!" Geranium's third chin gave another shudder.

"Not ghosts, Geranium. You know

better!" I dragged her by the hand as Holly followed.

"All the boys are gone except Mr. Sanford," quivered Geranium, pausing on second floor. "But I'm sure he's in." She rapped on the first bedroom door.

One hundred and twenty seconds later Holly commented: "Evidently he's not available. Wonderful! Tobias and I shall ascend!"

"He mentioned something about going out to the store," mused Geranium. Her chubby shoulders hunched. "No! You can't . . . ."

"Men are not indispensible, Geranium." Holly reached for the attic door knob. "You keep Tobias. It's probably a man, not a mouse."

"Then I'm going with you," I declared.

Opening the door without a squeak was a real achievement. Looking up the dusty trail I retracted all statements of valor. "Holly, we'd better wait for Judd. Let's pray," I whispered.

"You pray. I can see well enough to get up," she said hoarsely.

Before losing sight of her in the darkness, I muttered something to Geranium about praying first and then calling the police. I *had* to trail Holly. Behind an old trunk, I located her. She was pointing. I inched forward. There it was. A big-bent-over hump, rumblings emitting from it.

It was too dim to draw any further conclusions, but not for Holly. Unrolling a tennis net, she whispered instructions.

I shuddered. "You've been watching too much T.V."

She warned with a finger, and I nodded. I was to take one end of the net and she the other. My heart thumped like a sports car at a stop light. But at the moment I had no choice. With two lunges and a cry of ambush we landed the net. It successfully swaddled the struggling ghost.

"What happened?" shrieked Geranium, rushing up with Tobias.

The victim struggled to his feet then tripped back again to a huge hump.

"All right, Mr. Ghost. What have you been doing in Geranium's attic? Call the police, Aggie. I'll tie him to this post." Stooping to get a closer look, she dropped to her knees with a squeal. "Mr. Thistle-throat!"

"Mr. Sanford!" I rushed to his aid. "Dear, boy! What have we done to you? Holly, for goodness sake stop laughing and help me free him."

Geranium's apologies were profuse but confused: "I thought, we thought, she thought—you weren't home."

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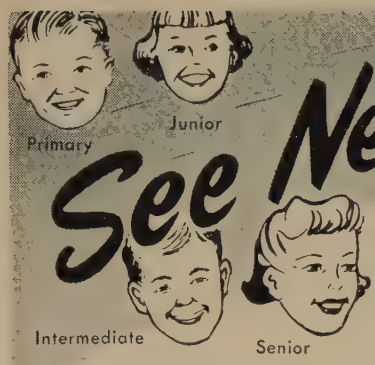

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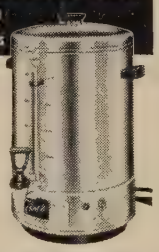

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"I had only Geranium's best interest at heart, Mr. Thistle-throat." She blinked into sobriety under his lowering glare.

"Really, we're dreadfully sorry. We should have realized it was one of you boys. I got carried away in Holly's excitement. Come down for some coffee."

"*I'll* be running along," Holly said, hastily rolling up the net. "Next time be more authentic and wear a sheet."

"Don't forget your broom and pointed hat." Judd seized the net and finished the task. Tobias crawled up the broad back. "Say, even your cat matches."

"He looks more like you—with that beard." She sauntered to the stairs.

"Holly Turnby!" I dove into the verbal battle.

"Don't bother, Miss Turnby." Judd blocked Holly's escape. "I've tried every ethical way to date this ice cube for six months. I'm through."

Our tidy group reached the second floor. Holly seemed determined to ignite his composure. "What were you really doing up in the attic, catching up on your knitting?"

"Catching up on my praying, like I said. Praying for a wife to take to the mission field. One that doesn't throw tennis nets around like she's head of homicide."

The black, brushy chin followed the snooty, sandy pug to the door where Holly blurted, "I'd never marry you—I mean—Shave off those horrid pine boughs!"

With a sob of frustration she bolted into the night, forgetting there were three front steps. I let Judd go out with the band-aids.

It was a week later that I was talking on the telephone to Geranium:

"Yes, I know it's all happened so fast. That missionary meeting started her thinking. No, it's hardly a storybook romance when he tells her he knows it's the Lord's will that he marries her. Domineering? Well, I can't argue with him, but it's like telling Holly she's out of the Lord's will if she doesn't. It certainly looks hopeless. We'd better just leave everything to the Lord. No, he's in the backyard. Tobias has been up in that oak tree since morning. I asked Judd to get him down. I'm watching from the window. Yes, I know the ladder is wobbly—eek! The ladder—Judd!"

The receiver bounced on the floor. The final destiny of Judd Sanford was unknown until I reached the scene.

How Holly arrived before I did, I'll never know. With anguish-streaked face she knelt on her band-aids. He made no effort to appear alive. "Judd darling! Where does it hurt? Don't move him,

Geranium! Bones might be broken."

In my consternation I failed to see my neighbor. For once she was as calm as a bill collector. "Don't cry, child. You find his pulse, I'll look for blood. Do you think he has a concussion?"

Hearing his landlady's diagnosis, Judd cramped a crooked smile. Holly observed it along with another astounding improvement. "The beard! You shaved it all off for me. Darling!"

She hugged his neck until he gagged. "And you're not injured, are you? Answer me!"

I emitted a huge sigh of relief and stood up. Refusing to budge his head from her lap, he replied, "Call me 'darling' again and I'll tell you."

He opened one eye. "I was too humiliated to move. Then all of a sudden, women were swarming around me. I had to enjoy it for a while." He opened his other eye and sat up, completely whole. "Say, your pug just fell down. Looks great. You were wearing a pug for the same reason that I grew a beard, right?"

Holly crawled under his obliging arm. "Right. I wanted the final relationship to begin without physical attraction." Stroking his lowering chin, she concluded: "Never grow another one."

"I promise, unless I'm on a jungle trail someplace without my razor."

"That's O.K. It'll probably be so hot in Peru that I'll have my hair in a pug!" They were rubbing noses.

I hated to leave, but I felt it my duty. "Come on, Geranium, the battle is over and victory is won!"

"Oh, Aggie! Just when it's getting good! I've never seen them do anything but fight. Now look."

Of course I looked! What aunt wouldn't? Tobias W. Oppenheimer was perched on Judd's square shoulder, smiling approvingly. Dragging Geranium away, I smuggled a violent sniffle into my apron. "And just think, Geranium, we can be working with them to bring the Lord Jesus to those forsaken folks. We can labor side by side in prayer. I wish I could go, too—but then five years isn't terribly long."

I snuffled again. "And when they come back I'm sure that they'll have—well, I just always wanted to be a great aunt!" Ω

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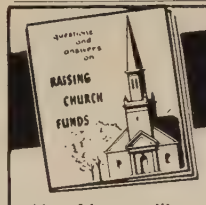

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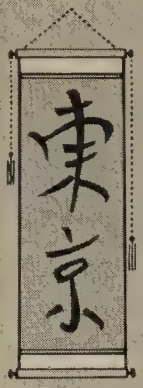

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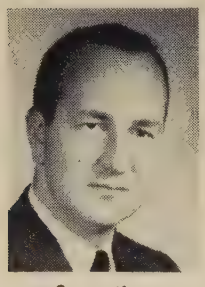

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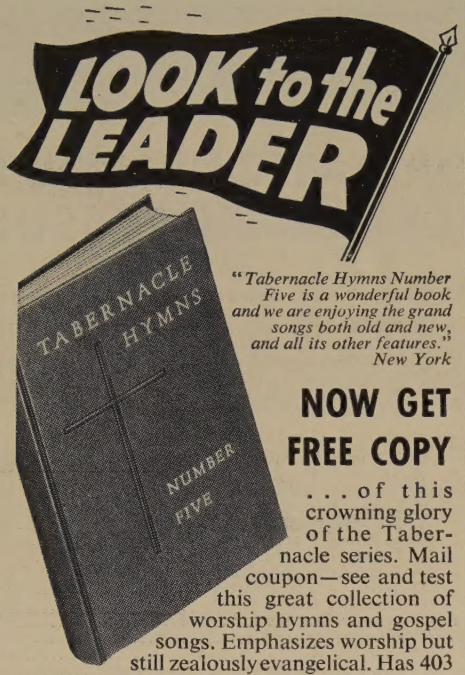

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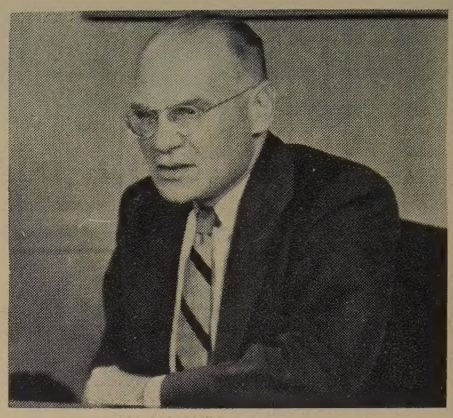


● DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN, Personal Problems consultant, invites you to write him regarding your personal problems. Your letter will be kept confidential—but it must be signed. Include your address for a personal reply.

● I am so confused as to the will of the Lord that I am unable to do anything or to make any move; yet I am not at peace just standing still. How can I be sure of His will for me?

We are taught explicitly in the Bible: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). You will note that the Christian is to "ask in faith, nothing wavering" (verse 16) and guidance will be granted to him. There are occasions when we are to "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (Ex. 14:13). There are other occasions when we are to be on the move and find like Abraham's servant that "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Gen. 24:27). In Isa. 58:10-11 we are taught that "if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: and the Lord shall guide thee continually . . ."

● There is gossip about me in my neighborhood and my church. It is totally untrue. I have tried to correct this misrepresentation—but it seems to be more widespread. What can I do?

The best defense is to have conduct and conscience that are void of offense toward God and also toward other people. Be what you know you should be, what your friends think of you, and beware of being what your critics say about you. Thereafter I recommend that you make no defense of yourself. To answer the criticism is to raise doubts as to your innocency.

● Can a person be a Christian and not practice the rules of etiquette? It seems to me that a true Christian will not be rude.

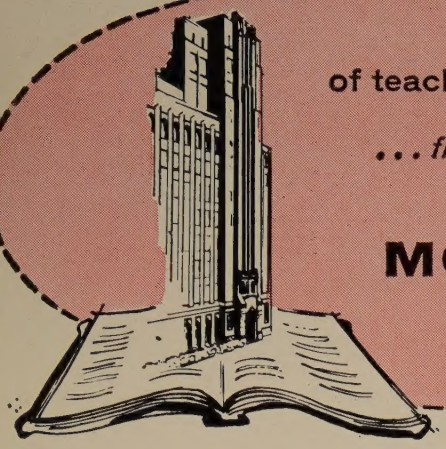
A Christian should be courteous to all and considerate of others. But he is not a Christian because he follows the rules of etiquette. One is a Christian because of having received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior (Eph. 2:8-9). The Christian is to put off the old nature and to put on the new "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:22-24). The Christian is taught specifically to be courteous (I Pet. 3:8).

● The other day at school some girls said: "You're just an adopted child." This hurt me. I wonder if it is true. Should I ask my parents?

Children can be cruel and often tease others by suggesting that they are adopted. You should tell the whole matter at once to your mother. If you are her very own she can give you that assurance and comfort at once. If you were adopted, chances are your parents would have told you so long ago so you would understand their love in choosing you to be their own. Other parents just have to take what they get!

● A young man and myself are very much in love and desire to be married. Several years ago (before I met him) he was divorced because his wife was unfaithful. We are both Christians. We have read the Bible concerning divorce. Where do we stand in the eyes of God in this matter?

Equally earnest Christians differ in their opinions as to whether or not there can be remarriage after divorce. As I understand Matt. 5:32; 19:3-9 and Mark 10:10-12 there is only one cause or grounds for divorce and that is adultery or unfaithfulness. If that is the case, it seems to me that the innocent party is free to marry again, for in these same verses I do not find any injunction or suggestion to the contrary. It seems to have been understood.



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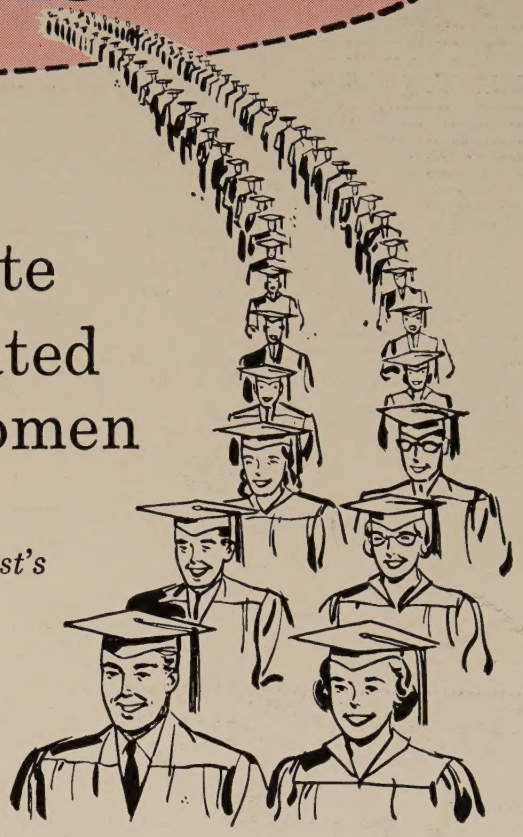

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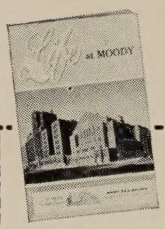

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